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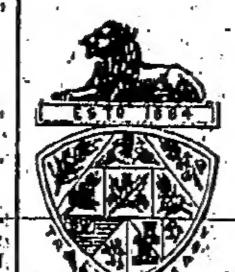
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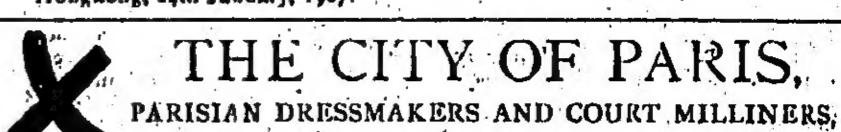
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l'UBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT, Hongkong, 11th February, 1907.

OLD HARBOUR OFFICE, DES VŒUX ROAD CENTRAL. p.

CEALED TENDERS will be received at the Colonial Secretary's Office until Noon of THURSDAY, the 28th instant, for the LETTING OF THE OLD HARBOUR OFFICE, from the 15th March, 1907, to the 15th March, 1908, subject to the conditions published in the Government Gazette (Notification No. 94 of 8th February, 1907.

Each tender should bear on the cover the words. "TENDER FOR LEASE OF OLD- HAR-BOUR OFFICE."

The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender. Forms of tenders and further particulars can

oe obtained from the Public Works Depart-W. CHATHAM, Director of Public Works,

WANTED.

DRIVATE TUITION FOR BOY in English, French, Mathematics, etc., one hour daily. Apply, stating terms, etc., to-

Cio Honghong Telegraph. Hongkong, 5th February, 1907. [201

I ONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM-WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION,

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which may certainly rank with, if not take precadence of, many of the discoveries of our day, about which no little estentialon and noise have been made, and the extensive and ever-increasing demand that has been created for this medicine wherever introduced appears to prove that it is demined to cast into obliviou all those questionable remedies that were formerly the sole reliance of medical men. Therapion may be obtained of the principal chemists and merchants throughout the world.—Dismond Fields Advertiser, Kimberley, Sold by all Chemists

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HONGKONG.

Mongkong, 31st January, 1907.

#### Intimations.

#### NOTICE.

Mr. RACHIRAM, who was acting as our Manager for some time, has from the 17th October. 1906, severed his connection with us, and the firm will not hold itself RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY Debts incurred by him hereafter or before.

### K. A. J. CHOTIRMALL

Hongkong, 8th February, 1907.

A BROKEN-DOWN SYSTEM. This is a condition (or d'sease) to which doctors rive many names, he I which few of them reality anderstand. It is simply weakness - a break-down, as it were, of the vital forces that sustain the sys-tem. No matter what may be its causes (for they are almost numberless), its symptoms are much the same; the more prominent being sleeplessness, sense of prostration or weariness, depression of spirits and want of energy for all the ordinary affairs of life. Now, what alone is absolutely essential in all such cases is increased vitality—vigour—

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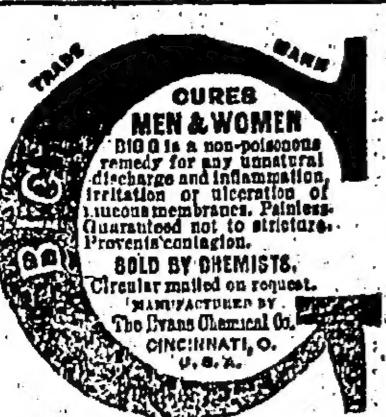
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AN APPEAL

THE SUPERIORESS of the ITALIAN CONVENT, CAIME ROAD, bega most respectfully to APPEAL to the Residents of Hongkong and the Coast Ports, for their kind patronage and support, and desires to state that she will be pleased to receive orders for all kinds

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Ladies and Children's Under-clothing, Cmildren's Dresses, and all kinds of Embroidery, Materials can be supplied, if required.

The Superioress will also be most grateful for any PAPER, or old . ENVELOPES to be made into Books for the Children of the Poor Schools Who are taught by the Sisters.

Hongkong, sand April, 1802.

#### Intimations.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-HOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, at 11.30 A.M., on MON-DAY, 18th February, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 8th to the 18th February, both days inclusive, JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

General Managers. Hongkong, and February, 1907.

THE SHIU ON STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

OTICE is hereby given that an EXTRA ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF THE COMPANY will be held at the Company's Registered Office No. 8, Queen's Road West, Victoria, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 9th day of the 1st Moon of the 33rd year of Kwong Sui (the 21st day of February, 1907), at 120 clock noon, when the subjoined Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 5th day of February, 1907, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions:

1.- That the capital of the Company be in creased from \$150,000 to \$350,000 by the issue of 5,000 fully paid up new shares of \$20 each ranking for dividend, voting power and in all other respects pari passu with the existing shares of the Company

2.- That such new shares be offered in the first instance to the persons who on the 19th day of February, 1907, shall be the registered sharehold rs of the Company in the proportion of one new share for ever old share held by them and that such offer be made by notice specifying the number of shares, which each such registered shareholder shall be entitled to take up and limiting the time within which the offer if not accepted by payment of the full amount of \$20 per share will be deemed to be declined and that the Directors be empowered to dispose of the shares not taken in response to such offer as they consider expedient in the interests of the Company.

By Order of the Board. CHAU CHEÜK FAN. Manager,

Shiu On Steamship Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 5th February, 1907.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held i the Offices of the Company, Queen's Buildings, New Prays, on MONDAY, the 25th February, 1937, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 31st December

The TRANSFER BOOKs of the Company will be CLOSED from the 11th to the 25th February, both days inclusive. By Order of the Board of Directors,

> THOS. I. ROSE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st February 1907.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY
MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the undersigned at II A.M., on THURSDAY, the 7th March. .The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company

will be CLOSED from the 21st inst, to the 7t proximo, both days inclusive. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers,

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited. . . Long. 11th February, 1907

HONGKONG, CANTON"-AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED:

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND at the rate of \$1.00 per Share, declared at the Ordinary Half-Yearly Meeting of Shareholders, held this day, will be payable at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on and after

TUESUAY, the 12th February, 1907. Shareholders are requested to apply to the Office of the Company for Warrants,

By Order of the Board of Directors, W. E. CLARKE, Secretary, /

Hongkong, 12th February, 1907

## THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY THERAPION This successful and highly popular remedy, used in the Continental Hospitals by Ricord, Rostan, Johnt, Velpeau and others, combines all the desiderata to be

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IN JANUARY.

Bliss of bane, in the months to come, Birds shall sing, and the brown bees hum. Flower shall glimmer to dew and light, Larks soar up to the lone cloud's height. Grass shall wave, and the stream flow free As the sop in the tree,

Bliss or bane-let them come in turn! May shall woo the unfolding fern, Set her bluebells to match the skies, Glint the wings of the dragonflits. Daffodils shall dance in the sun-When Spring's begun,

Bliss or bane, as the weeks go past, Shall I wail that the year flies fist? Let the niggardly count their pence-Beauty alone is permanence; She with treasures for aviry clime To the end of time

-Pail Mall Gusette.

JAPAN'S NATIONAL ASPIRATIONS.

So much twaddle has found lodgment on the editorial pages of American newspapers on the subject of Japan, and Japan's supposed hostile intentions towards the United States, it is realrefreshing to find once in a great while a bit of editorial sanity on the aims and aspirations Dr. W. H. B. Aikins, F. R. C. P., London, of the people of Nippon. Such, for instance, is an editorial which recently appeared in the New York Sun on "Japan's Real Objective," which is "complete assimilation of Korea" and the "gradual acquisition of ascendency over the unwarlike Chinese throughout Manchuri from the Amurriver to the Great Wall," according to the Sun's view, h

That is certainly a much more rational programme, and one more in harmony with the fine quality of Japanese patriotism and eminent good sense, than the mosted assault upon the Pacific coast, or even the suggested effort to wrest the Philippines from the United States, Japan swept Russia from the Pacific, That question was rettled in the Sea of Japan. Japan's great struggle in the future will be to keep Russia from plundering her way down to the sea again, and the best and only way of accomplishing this purpose is to exploit Korea and Manchuria. Japan fully realizes this.

Japan's growth would be naturally toward the break in the line which had once restricted her national aspirations; the horizon would be hammered out until the mikado's domain included the just territorial prizes of the war. This, of course, would mean the complete ascondency of Japan in Korea and Manchuria, every inch of which territory was, in one fashion and another, rescued from Kussian dominance and pillage by the pluck and prowess of the

The direction of Japanese expansion was a matter of fact, fully and finally determined by the Japanese' soldiers' who chased Kuropatkin out of Manchuria; by the miners and sappers who moled Stocasel out of Port Arthur, and by Togo's tact and daring on the Sea of Japan when he made junk of Rojestvensky's fleet and consigned Nebogatoff and his alds to the block, for these events opened the way for a igal and substantial development of a Japanese nationality of imperial proportions.

Thus, but for the strong national sentiment centred in the retaking of Port Arthur, a prize of war unfairly wrung from Japan on another occasion, perhaps Japan's growth would have been along different lines. It might have been toward the I hilippines and other island groups to the south. But no matter what might have happened, Japan's growth, following a perfectly logical line, a line opened as the result of honourable conflict, is in the other direction, with an agreeable soil and climate, and the character, history and sentiments of the population all favouring comparatively easy assimilation." Japan's power for good is in the world; but Japan's empire is in Asig.—Ex.

#### A PARISIAN SENSATION.

Paris, Dec. 24.

A terrible accusation has been brought against a midwife living in the Rue Tiquetinne She is charged with performing illegal operations, but behind this is the appalling suspicion that she has been for over a year in the habit of cremating infants' bodies in a large stove which stands in her operating-room.

The affair came to light quite by chance, and in the following manner. A stockbroker of the Rue de la Bourse recently lodged a complaint with M. Labat, police commissary of the Vivience quarter, against a bank employe for theit. Detectives were set to watch the employe and his mistress, and the latter was seen to visit the midwife, and some time after to leave the house in the 'ue liquitione in circumstances which appeared very mysterious. While the midwife was out the servant was questioned by the police, and the confession was wrung from her that her mistress performel some ten or dozen operations a month, While the police were searching the spart-

in-nt'a young lady called to see the midwife, and in her consternation confessed the Objec of her visit; The commissary of police has reason to believe that over 100 patients were treated by the midwife in the course of the year, but no babies were ever seen to leave her apartment. Whether the commissary possesses any ground stronger than suspicion as to the usbite which

the stove was put is not certain. he prisoner's son, who is performing his military service, protests against the charges brought against his mother, but admits that he knows nothing about her methods.

A doctor who was in professional relations with the midwife states that he hay acted as predical man to her putient and members of her family, but that he can in no way guarantes her morality.

The prisoner is said to have received from LB to Lis for operating, but she kept no [Q accounts,

#### Intimations.

DONE BY TRYING. Nobody can tell what he can do till he tries. When a thing ought to be done the modern spirit moves us to keep working away at it until it is done. In the face of this idea the "imphasible " vanishes. Where there's a will!" there's a way. " If we could but sob cod liver oil of its sickening taste and smell and then combine it with two or three other ingredients we should possess the best remedy in the world for certain diseases that are now practically incurable." So said a famous English physiclan twenty-five years ago: "But it will never be done," he added. "You can no more turn cod liver oil into a pleasant palatable medicine, than you can turn the Codfish itself into a Bird of Paradise.". Yet he lived to admit that in-

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the "impostible" had been accomplished. If

is palatable as honey and contains all the nutritive and curative properties of Pure Cod Liver Oil, extracted by us from fresh cod livers, combined with the Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites, Extracts of Malt and Wild Cherry. This remedy is freed from the bad peculiarities Dr. Frothingham so detested, and it is precisely the splendid medicine he wished for. "Use it freely and confidently for Anemia" Hysteria, Wasting Complaints, Blood Impurities, Asthma, and Throat and Lung Troubles, M. D. C. M., Victoria University, M. B Toronto University,-Consulting Physician Home for Incurables, Physician to Toronto Géneral Hospital, says: " I am much pleased to state that the results from using Wampole's Preparation of Cod Liver Oil have been uniformly satisfactory; it appealed to me as being prepared according to correct scientific principles." It increases the appetite and influences the digestion of food; it is delicious to take, will not disappoint you and is effective from the first dose. "It represents the dawn of progress," At chemists everywhere,

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## Consignees.

MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES, THE STEAMSHIP "LOTHIAN," FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND

ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

STRAITS.

No Claims will be admitted after the Good have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant will bei to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be pre-sented to the Undersigned on or before the 28th instant, or they will not be recognized. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on the 20th instant, at II A.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & Co., LIMITED,

Hongkong, 14th February, 1907.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL, LINE NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES,

THE Steamship

"DRINCESS ALICE,"

aving arrived, Consignees of Cargo are her informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazard ous and/or extra hazardous, Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 20th instant, will be subject to rent.

All broken chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 20th instant, at 9.30 A.M. MAll Claims must reagh us before the 35th ns ant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned,

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD MELCHERS & Co. Agents. Hongkong, 15th February, 1907,

## Consigneesie

INDO-CHINA STRAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE

THE Company's Steamship

"KUMSANG"

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M., the 15th inst, will be

landed at Consignoss' risk and expense. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,

General Managers. Hongkeng, 11th February, 1907.

TORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BRRMEN. IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE:

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"SACHSEN" having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Com-

pany, Limited, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained, Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before SATUR-

DAY, the 9th February, at 5 P.M. No Claims will be admitted miter the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th February, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chased, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th February, at 9.30 A.M. All Claims must reach ut before the sand February, or they will not be recognized. No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the indersigned. NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYDA

MELCHERS & Co., Horokong, 9th February, 1907.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

"SCANDIA." Captain Dohren, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside;

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before TO-Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the hazardous and/or extra hazard-

ous Godown's of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at. Consignees' risk and expense, All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 15th instant, will be subject to rent. All broken chafed and damaged Goods are

to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 15th inst., at 3 P.M. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

> HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE Hongkong Office.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

Howishook 6th February, 1907.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. S.S. "BRNCLEUCH,"

FROM ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS. ONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk" into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whenceand/or from the wharves delivery may be:

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods: have left the Godowns, and all Goods undelivered after the 14th instant, will be subject

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cruiser, to be named Kurama, now being built

at Yokosuka, is progressing apace. The deck

is now being placed in position, and it is ex-

pected that the cruiser will be launched about

NOTWITHSTANDING the number of previous

convictions that have been recorded recently

against the Peak night soil coolies for dump-

and in drains, there does not appear to be any

abatement of the nuisance, and unless some

stringent step, other than a fine, is taken

against the contractor one cannot see how the

matter can be stopped, Nai Shun, one of these

coolies, of No. 9, Upper Lascar Row, admitted

before Mr. F. H. Hazeland, at the Police Court,

this morning, that at five o'clock this morning,

he lightened his buckets in a drain near No.

IT is stated that the proposal to establish a

race-course near Kobe, which is being put for-

ward by a Syndicate with which several foreign-

satisfactory progress. It has been decided that

the capital shall be Y.500,000, in shares of

October, "According to the present plans,

stands to accommodate about 2,400 people are

LAST month Messenger No. 1634 of the Postal

Telegraph' Company, New York, the World

says, found an envelope containing \$7,000 in

gold notes and \$60,000 in cheques and drafts

lying on the sidewalk at the corner of Broad

and Wall streets, where J. Pierpont Morgan's

office is located. It belonged to Morgan and

the boy took it into the office. On Jan. II he

received this note: "Dear Sir-In reward for

your honesty, I take great pleasure in handing

you \$2, with the compliments of the firm:

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ed the \$2 with a note, saying: "Take this back,

and tell Mr. Morgan to get a shave with it."

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 190

PLAGUE IN BANGKUK.

Bangkok as a rule enjoys comparative immunity from plague, although it is usually more or less afflicted at this season of the year by a visitation of cholera and other diseases caused by the lack of a domestic water supply. That the capital of Siam should have China was shipped on the Coptic and consigned escaped the trouble which in the hot season is common throughout the Far East has been matter of surprise to those who have any knowledge of the insanitary conditions prevailing in Bangkok. This year, however, there has been a serious epidemic of plague and at the present time there is no evidence that it has been stamped out or that adequate repressive measures are being adopted to check the disease. The fact, that the sanitary arrangements of the city are of the most is some doubt as to their being able fully to primitive description is not calculated to appreciate it from that point of view. afford consolation to the ports which are in direct communication with Bangkok, and are therefore liable to import the disease. As a matter of fact, from latest accounts the epidemic is spreading into the interior where nothing or almost nothing can be done to ! stay its ravages. It has been shown that the Slamese people have a fatalistic turn of mind which leads them to view the increasing death-roll with a calmness amounting to equanimity. When cholera is at its height in the dry season, the natives persist in drinking the brackish waters of the Menam, in direct opposition to the advice of those in authority. They are told what the results are likely to be, but whether it is due to ignorance or apathy they continus the practice and suffer accordingly. Cholera was an accepted fact, which could and they were far peace for six months. pot be denied.

from attempting to defeat the ends of Provi- T. THE construction of the first-class atmoured dence. But plague is practically, a new feature which appears to be exercising the natives mainly on account of its novelty. The Bangkok Times in discussing the matter observes that:- "Plague follows a pretty well defined course when once it has established itself in any big town, and the prospect, not of sporadic cases; but of serious epidemics for some years in the ling the contents of their buckets on the hillside future, is not a pleasant one. If that prospect is realised it will raise not a few difficult problems that the authorities will have to be prepared to deal with. But we fancy a serious increase of plague cases means more than that. It means that the question of the sanitation of Bangkok will become one of practical politics. The essential sanitary rules will have to be enforced as in other towns under proper administration, and money-will have to be found for the water supply and other necessary works. Only necessity perhaps could force the matter forward at present, but with plague in the country public health becomes a matter of the first importance,

This has not been recognised yet, however, for even the elementary Act making registration races shall be held twice yearly, in April and of death compulsory is still on the shelf." That is rather plain speaking on the part of a newspaper, which bears a semi-official to be erected. There will also be a special standing in Siam, but it does not come too early. Here is a country, which pretends to be in the forefront of civilisation, as the word is understood in the East, which does not employ the most elementary forms of sanitation, has no idea of inaugurating a water supply system and gives little or no thought to the eradication of endemic diseases. I the introduction of plague induces the authorities to give another thought to the essentials of health and the principles, of hygiene it will not have proved an unmitigated evil. But is Hongkong giving attention to the outbreak in Bangkok? There is a very considerable trade between, that port and this Colony, a trade which will increase as the rice crop is milled, and unless steps are taken to preserve the community from a premature epidemic derived through the agency of travellers from Bang-

been in vain. It is not desirable that the

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

IT was announced at the Magistracy this morn-

Court will sit at 8 a.m., instead of at 9.45 at

IT is notified that the next fortnightly meeting

of the Sanitary Board will be held on Monday.

18th inst., instead of Tuesday, 19th idem, at

4.15 pm. The business to come before the

Board at this meeting is of quite minor im-

regular weekly meeting of the Hongkons

Christian Union on Monday afternoon, the

usual at the European Y.M.C.A., Alexandra

Building, and the public are cordially invited.

A HONOLULU despatch of 4th inst. says:-- ]

M. Riggs, one of the sons-in-law of the late

Chan Afong, who went to China in the interest

of some of the heirs, to learn what chance there

was to get some of the millions Afong, is re

puted to have made after his return to China

is understood that his mission was fruitless,

THE 600,000 pounds of flour purchased by the

American National Red Cross Society for

to the United States Consul-General at Shang-

haje Major Charles R. Krauthoff was com-

missioned by the Society to do the purchasing,

and he received bids from the various milling

companies about the Coast. The Sperry Flour

Company was awarded the bid, and the in-

spectors have been detailed to Stockton for

examination of the flour and oversee its

general condition for shipping. The quality

of this flour is said to be far superior to any that

the Chinese have ever used or seen, and there

CHUI PUI, a tea house coolie, of No. 59, Elgin

Street, was arraigned before Mr. C. A. D.

Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning,

on a charge of ill-treating a dog yesterday.

The owner of the dog; a private ricksha coolie,

who was the means of having the defendant

arrested, did not put in an appearance when

the case was called on to-day. The defendant,

however, admitted being guilty of the offence.

About eight o'clock last evening the ricksha

coolie accompanied by his dog-a chow-

entered the tea house. While his master was

drinking a cup of tea the dog found its way

into the kitchen where accused was engaged in.

washing his face. According to accused's own

statement as soon as he saw the dog he poured

some hot water on it in order to drive it away.

The dog's whinings were heard by his master,

who, on seeing the condition of the animal,

gave accused in charge. His Worship bound

defendant over in the sum of \$50 to keep the

thirteen years ago, got back by the Coptic.

though he will say little about it.

to bubonic plague.

is customaty.

"WANTONLY and cruelly ill-treating a pig," was the charge against Hu Luk, a catt's dealer, at the Police Court, this morning." Police Sergeant Aris, of Kennedy Town Police Station, who made the arrest, spoke as to seeing the accused carrying a sucking pig by the kok, the work of the past few years will have cars yesterday afternoon. Accused was going in the direction of the slaughter house, and lacs. precautions should be of such a mature as to the squealing of the pig could be heard a long way off. Accused made no attempt to deny conflict with actual trade requirements but they should certainly ensure the safety of the the charge. The pig had to be taken to the public of this Colony. In these circum- slaughter house. It was young and frisky! Try stances, we trust that the Sanitary Depart- how he would be could not get hold of its legs; ment will take the matter in hand and so the easiest way then was by its ears and he did so, he said. A fine of \$2 was imposed., continue the work which has had the effect of greatly diminishing the death returns due

THE COPPER MINE RIOTS. SERIOUS DEVELOPMENT,

TROOPS CALLED OUT.

copper mine riot has developed into a very it remains unchanged. As you are aware serious disturbance and of such a nature as to was formed with the object of holding require the services of the troops to restore £1,000,000 in Gold as a set off against ou ofder. It appears that the strikers who rev. Silver Capital of \$10,000,000 so that the Bank mained quiet on Tuesday night, resumed their | might virtually have two Capitals, one in Silver disorderly tactics on Wednesday morning, when the workers in the Notoyama and Ariki pits were relieved. About 800 men who were to relieve the shift raided the Motoyama pit office, smashed the windows, carried out chairs and other furniture, and then set fire to them. The office staff, according to a MR. Charles M. Alexander will conduct the vernacular paper, "all fled." The strikers &1,056,000." then attacked the warehouses and specimen rooms, with a continual shower of stones. 18th, at 5.30. The meeting will be held as They also carried away all the provisions from the store-house, and ate their fill when they

felt inclined. The strikers then formed into two bodies. one party proceeding to attack the store department office, where they wrought complete destruction, while the other party attacked the | the value of money in England and the Conresidence of Mr. Minami, head of the mine, practically destroying the house, and burning all the furniture. The strikers seized Mr. Minami, and severely assaulted him. A policesergeant who came to his assistance was also assaulted, being badly cut about the head.

The strikers then made their way to the ore selection house, and having sprinkled kerosene around the building, set it on fire. Police officials came upon the scene, and succeeded in extifiguishing the fire before much damage was done. The strikers were again peaceful at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, when this dispatch was sent out, but the bridge on the road to the Motoyama pit was closed by the police to prevent more men going to the scene of the disturbince.

Still later information states that the strikers. who attacked the house of Mr. Minami and the bre selection, houses, crossed the bridge near the Motoyama pit above referred to at about half past two on Wednesday afternoon. and made their way to the Shimonoseki mining office, which was completely destroyed by 6 pm. The rioters looted the store room and, during the year for Yarn on a low silver we are all sorry to lose him. I have much pleafreely partook of a quantity of sake which was kept there. Under the influence of the drink, they set fire to the store-room, which was still burning at the time this later dispatch was forwarded. The medical officer at Motoyama was | the result that many failed to meet their esattending to the injured men, a Red Cross flag being hoisted as a precaution against attack. Minami Sukematsu and five other leaders of

the Shiseikai have been arrested on a charge of causing disorderly crowds to assemble.. The news of the arrest of their leaders has, however, inflamed the strikers more than ever, and they. were preparing to attack the police-station by night. The dispatch states that the police officials were prepared to retreat in the event of attack: A party of saveral hundred strikers were preparing to attack the police reinforcements, who were expected from Nikko, at the

Hoso-o mountain pass. A report has seached Ashlo stating that's company of troops had been dispatched from the Takasaki I egiment for the suppression of the disturbance, and that a force of police drawn from all the police-stations in Tochigi Prefecture had been ordered to proceed to the mine, - Josen Chronicia

HUNGKUNG, AND SHANGHAY BANKING CORPINATION

ANNUAL MEETING

The ordinary half-yearly meeting of the sharpholders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation was held at the City Hall, at noon to day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, 1906. There were present :- Mr. A. Haupt (in the chair), Mr. G. Balloch, Hon, Mr. W. J. Gresson, Messra, E. Goetz, C. R. Lenzmann, G. H. Medburst, D. M. Nissim, A. J. Raymond, H. E. Tomkins, R. Shewan, N. A. Siebs, directors), J. R. M. Smith (chief manager), S. Hancock, J. C. Peter, H. E. R. Hunter, C. W. May, Henry Humphreys, D. D. Guzdar, Ur. ] W. Noble, A. G. Morriss, J. Orange, E. S. Kadoorie, W. H. Wickham, Ho. Fook, Lo Choung Shiu, Choung Pui Kai, Ho Kom Tong, J. J. Leiria, W. H. Potts, J. M. S. Alves, Barton, R. R. Hynd, B. Layton, A. G. Wood, Capt. W. E. Clarke, Messrs. G. de Champeaux, Henry Goedecker, P. C. Potts, G. C. C. Master, ers are said to be connected, is making A. Findlay Smith, A. C. Hynes, W. A. Cruickshank, H. Percy Smith, O. von der Heyde, Hon. Mr. E. A. Hewett, Messrs. F. B. Marshall Duncan Anderson, J. Barton, E. G. Barrett 180,000 tsubo has been selected at Naruo village, Muko district. It is intended that

The Chief Manager having read the notice

convening the meeting, The Chairman said :- Gentlemen,-Your Directors have again the pleasure to lay before you a half-yearly report which I am sure you will consider satisfactory.

We are glad to be able to recommend a Dividend of £1, 15/- and a Bonus of £1 per share in addition.

We also propose to and \$750,000, to the Silver Reserve Fund and to carry forward the balance of \$1,721,558.90., I hope you will approve of this distribution.

Turning to the accounts our figures show comparatively little change. With the further rise in exchange it will be observed that the Silver equivalents of our Gold totals are again lower, but as these totals are taken into consideration in the working of the Bank's commitments in Gold and Silver, the shrinkage in the Silver equivalents does not affect, from a profit and loss point of view, the value at which they stand in our books. Apart from this there is very little change in either our Gold or Silver Deposits. Our Note Circulation is higher, as usual with the approach of the Chinese New Year settlement, and Bills Payable also show an increase, to extent of \$36}

On the other side of the Balance Sheet ou Cash and Bullion in hand and in Transit are about \$11 lacs higher.

Indian Government Rupee Paper is onl changed in its Silver equivalents. Console, Colonial and other securities are likewise affected by exchange: but also show a small reduction compared with last half year. Our holdings under this heading are liable to vary from time to time and it was considered advisable to realize some of the stocks in view of the condition of the home money markets to which I shall refer later.

According to the latest news the Ashio With regard to the Sterling Reserve Fund, and one in Gold, and the Sterling Reserve with the Investments held against it, we entered at the nominal exchange of 2/- on both sides of our Balance Sheet: the entries still appear in our accounts in tha form. I may mention the present market value of the securities representing the £1,000,000 is.

Exchange Banking in China during the past six months has not been without its difficulties. Silver ranged in price from 29 13/16 to 33% and stood at 32 5/16 on 31st. December as against 30 3/16 on 30th June. Its course was marked by extreme and rapidly recurring fluctuations making for unstability in Exchange. A sharp and appreciable advance in tinent took place in October and was immediately followed by great stringency and high rates in India. The Bank of England rate remained at 6% for the exceptionally long period of three months; on the 17th January. 1907, it was reduced to 5%, but this high level is still maintained and very dear money also prevalls in India.

In China the reverse has been the case. money being exceptionally easy and plentiful. but business in this Colony suffered severely from the disastrous typhoon of the 18th September, which brought in its train a deplorable loss of life and caused great damage to vessels and cargo in the harbour and for a time seriously inconvenienced and disorganized our shipping upon which the welfare of Hongkong: so largely depends.

The course of Exchange directly affects our trade and the price of money in financial centres affects commercial transactions general-Locally, Chinese dealers, over-estimating am sure, be pleased to hear that Mr. Bunter the probable demand, contracted heavily basis to find an already dull market further depressed by lower prices in India and accounts. (Applausg.) and the rise in Exchange in China, with gagements and unsold stocks were largely in. | pointment of Mr. G. Ballock as a director be created. New Dealers are coming into the confirmed and that Mr. A. Haupt, Mr. R. Shemarket and we may hope they will be more careful than their predecessors in discounting directors. the luture of markets and Exchange.

Shanghai and the North are also carrying heavy stocks of Yarn and Piecegoods but business there is principally done on a sterling basis and Dealers have fortunately not commilled themselves to any great extent to low exchange settlements, 'Cotton has also helped them by continuing a steady market, and goods on the spot cannot be replaced at the equivalent of local prices. Buyers appear to recognise this fact, and we are now able Monday. to record a greatly improved movement: cargo is already going more freely to Man. Chairman, before we separate I would like to

the opening of the ice-bound ports next mouth will sed a more activa demand, considerably reducing stocks. Better trade in the North will no doubt be reflected here to some extent and with the assistance of moderately good Rice crops, which we can at least hope for, we should find better times aboad than we a leaving behind us.

As regards Japan, great activity has prevailed there since the close of the war resulting in a large increase in the volume of the trade

both in exports and imports. India, where we have important Branches, has produced abundant crops commanding record prices, especially so in the case of ute, and, in consequence, that Country has been a very large buyer of Silver for currency purposes in addition to the usual requirements of the Native Bazaar.

Gentlemen, we see a sound and satisfactory expansion of our business at all points, which speaks for the continued efficiency of our Managers and Staff generally, and I am sure you will approve of our having again voted them a bonus of 15% on their salaries. (Applause.)

Our esteemed Chief Manager, Mr. J. R. M. Smith, returned from a well-deserved holiday a few weeks ago and Mr. H. E. R. Hunter, whose management at the Head Office during Mr. Smith's absence has given every; satisfaction to your Board, will resume charge of our Shanghai Branch at an early date. (Applause.)

As stated in the Report your directors have carefully considered the desirability of increasing the Bank's Capital and are unanimously of opinion that the time to do so has now arrived. Since the Capital was last increased in 1890 our business has kept pace with the expansion of Eastern trade, and we are satisfied that remunerative employment will be found for increased resources. Whatever political changes may be in store for China there can be little doubt that the ultimate outcome will be a wider field for the operation of foreign capital and a considerable increase in oversea trade.

We propose to increase the capital from \$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and the necessary steps have been taken to get our Ordinance amended to allow of the proposed increase. In due course a special circular will he sent to Shareholders and an Extraordinary-Meeting will be called, when the resolutions necessary to obtain your sanction to the scheme will be put before you.

Our large but necessary Reserve Funds have been built up with the consent of Shareholders, freely given. This fact has been borne in mind when recommending that the price of the new shares be fixed at £30 per share-a price whic confers on Shareholders a substantial bonus and at the same time allows for an appreciable addition to our Reserves.

These proposals will, we trust, meet with your approval, and I hope the increased resource will bring increasing influence and prosperity to the l'ank.

In conclusion, I am glad to say that a good start has been made for the new half year. Before moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts I shall be pleased to answer any

questions that may be asked. (Applause.) There being no questions, the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and ac-

Mr. Henry Humphreys said :- Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,-It is gratifying to us a to receive again a dividend of £1.15 per share and a bonus of Lt and this, after strengthening the Bank's position by the addition of \$750,000 to the reserve fund. You have referred, Mr. Chairman, to the difficulties Exchange Banks have had to contend with during the past six months; we can therefore congratulate ourselves the more that our directors, managers and slaff have, notwithstanding, been able to give such good results and tell us that the presont half-year has bigun well. (Applause.) Our thanks are due to them for this good work and I am sure we all approve of the bonus voted by the Board to the staff. (Applause.) I will be welcome news to shareholders to earn that the management has decided to increase the capital of the Bank from ten million to fifteen million dollars and that the new scrip will be issued at the favourable rate of £30 per share. It must be just as welcome to the Bank's clients to know that the Bank upon which their welfare so much de, pends will be in a better position than ever to trading. Before concluding, I should like to say that we are all very pleased to see our Chief Manager, Mr. J. R. M. Smith, back again (Applause) Many years ago it was my father's pleasing duty to welcome Mr. Jackson new Sir Thus, Jackson, Bart, on his return to the Colony. He said on that occasion that Mr Jacksob always brought sunshine with him Well, gentlemen, the sunshine came right enough and I think we may reasonably hope. that Mr. Sm'th's return will likewise be coincilent with better trade conditions and continued prosperity to the Hongkong Bank. (Applause.) Our friends in the North will,

The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. W. A. Cruickshank moved that the apwan and Mr. A. J. Raymond be re-elected

Mr. de Champeaux seconded.

The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. J. Orange proposed that Mr. W. hutton Polis and Mr. A. G. Wood be re-elected andi-

Mr. W. H. Wickham seconded.

The motion was unanimously carried. The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen. I must thank you for your attendance. Dividend warrants will be ready on

Mr. F. B. Marshall, of Amoy, said :- Mr.

church and there is good reason to expect that | propose a vote of thanks to the directors for the attention they have given to our affairs during the past twelve mosths, and, Sir. I think I am voicing the feelings of other shareholders when I say so long as the Board consists of representative business men of the Colony such as I are sitting around your table we cart rest assured our interests will be fully protected and the Bank will continue to maintain the position it now enjoys in the world of finance here in the Far East and elsewhere, (Applause,) The meeting then ended.

MURDHROUS ASSAULT.

There are more things going on in the

RESULT OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

harbour amongst the floating population than are dreamt of in the casual observer's philosophy, and yet many strange, and even weird tales are periodically brought to light, the last scenes in the cramas, or, more generally, trayedier, being concted at the Magistracy, or in the Criminal Sessions Court. Murders for gain, murders through jealousy, murders for no conceivable rea on whatever-all have been chronicied in the columns of the local prets, he ides many minor offences, such as coal-stealing, fishing with dynamite, and dumping of dead bodies. But it is rarely. one hears of Europeans being attacked, while in their launches, or house-boats. But the record was broken this morning, and the murder of a European very narrowly) averted. The facts as adduced were to the effect that while P. C. Berrie was in the police pinnace at the typhoon anchorage at Causeway Bay, in the early hours of this morning, on his usual patrol duty and keeping an eye open for dead bodies, which are so commonly dumped in that vicinity, he heard piteous cries for help, in a woman's vo.ce,-and unmistakably a British, voice. Constable lierr e immediately put his pinnace at full speed for the spot whence the cries proceeded, and found they came from the houseboat May, which was anchored in the Bay. Going on board the constable found Mr. and Mrs. l'epper, the owners of the houseboat, in a great state of excitement, while Mr. Pepper was bleeding from several wounds on his face. A Chinese meat chopper was lying at his feet on the deck, and at once a tragedy was scented. The coxewain of the boat was seated right aft, and had all the appearance of taking no interest in the proceedings, to which he was blandly indifferent. When their excitement calmed down, and Mr. and Mrs. l'epper were able to tell their story to the constable, the following tale was unfolded. Mrs. Pepper first of all asked. the policeman to arrest the coxswain, and this was accordingly done, the man being ordered aboard the pinnace, where he was secured. Then Mrs. Pepper explained that her husband was a motor-boat owner, and used the houseboat a good deal. They employed two coxswains and paid them very high wages, though they had but very little to do in return, and in every way treated them very well. On Tuesday the coxswain asked for three days' leave, to enable him to celebrate the Chinese New Year in a fitting and becoming manner, and this was at once accorded him, and he went off, leaving. the assistant, or second coxswain in charge. Last night he returned to the houseboat in a condition verging on delirium trement and went into his own quarters. This morning he went up to Mr. Pepper and demanded his wages-in-full-up to date, as he intended to leave at once. Mr. Pepper very naturally and very properly refused to accede to so preposterous a demand, telling him that a month's notice was necessary, and ordered the mantho get back to his quarters. The coxswaln then sprang at Mr. Perper, and dug his long nails into his face and neck, causing the blood to flow. Mr. Pepper, to save his face from the poisonous pails of his asymilant, struck out and hit the latter in the abdd men, and they both fell together on to the deck. As it happened a chopper was lying near at hand, and this the coxswain got hold of sud was proceeding, so it was alleged, to cht the neck of his prostrate muster, when Mrs. Pepper, seeing the position of affairs. called out "Take care, he has got bold of the chopper," and then screamed for help. and it was those screams that brought Constable Berrie on the scene Hearing his wife's. cry, Mr. Pepper overpowered the coxswain and knocked the chopper can of his hand, and the latter, evidently, noticing the approach of the police pinnace, but d aft, and sal down, and made it appear that he was give them proper and reasonable facilities for taking no part in the of urbance forward. He was arrested, as already stated. This morning he was placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Magistracy, and was bound over in the sum of \$200 to be of good behaviour for twelve months. It is alleged that, since Mr. Perper introduced his motor-boath for service in the harbour, there has been consis derable ill-feeling excited amongst the sampane folk against him, as they consider that he is cutting into their business, and on this account, it is further alleged, they have been instigating the coxswain to set fire to the houseboat May What truth there is in these allegations cannot as yet be determined, though the want of motive in the coxswain's brutal suck would appear to lend a certain amount of colour at them. However that may be, the matter is under investigation in the right quarters. returning amongst them, and I am equally sure SHIPPING AND MAILS. sure in seconding the adoption of the report MAILS DUE.

Indian (Arratoon Apcar) 18th inst. Indian (Kutsang) 27th inst.

The Ben Line s.s. Benglos, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore yesterday for this

The Apear Co.'s s.s. Gregory Apear from Yokohama, Kobe and Moji may be expected here on 18th inst., at daylight.

-Tho N. Y. K. s.s. Kumane Maru, Anstralia Line, left Manila for this port on toth inst. and is expected bere on 18th inst.

The Imperial German Mail as, Borneo left Sandakan on rath inst., p.m., and may be expected here on 18th inst. a.m. The H. A. L. s.s. Brasilla from Hambarg left Shangbai for this port on 15th inst. at 2 a.m. and may be expected here on asst insta

The N. Y. K. s.s. Shinano Marie Americap Line, left Kobe via Moji and Shapeballor this port on 15th instant and is expected here to

### Collision of British Battleships.

LONDON, 14th February. The battleships Albermarle and Common wealth collided on the night of the zit inst., while proceeding at the rate of 12 knots. Both ships have gone to Gibraltar for repairs. No one was injured.

#### Russia.

The elections in Russia leave scarcely any doubt that the opposition will have a substantial majority in the Duma.

#### The United States.

Mr. Root is preparing an amendment to the Emigration Bill excluding American Asiatics landing from the Philippines and Hawaii, from which Japanese labourers have hitherto reached America.

It is stated that the Japanese Ambassador has accepted the amendment.

The amendment to the Immigration Bill empowers the President to refuse to admit foreigners to the United States on passports to any country other than the United States. or her insular possessions, or the Canal zone, when the President is satisfied that the passports are being used to the detriment of American labour.

#### The Channel Command.

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford has declined to accept the Command of the Channel fleet if its strength is fixed at 14 battleships, 4 armoured and 3 unarmoured cruisers as proposed.

The Admiral will only undertake the de fence of Home waters with a fleet capable of performing the task, and trained, under his own orders in time of peace.

#### The Suffragettes.

Right hundred suffragettes have twice attacked the Commons, and the conflict with the police lasted nearly six hours. 25 were arrested, including French's sister and Mrs. Deepard. Those arrested allege that they were treated in the most brutal manner by the police.

#### Great Britain and Japan.

The Times says that the visit of Prince Fushimi to England will give a welcome opportunity to all classes in Great Britain of proving that the sentiments of the whole nation towards Japan are unaltered.

#### General Kuropatkin's History of the War.

Reuter's Telegram Company, Limited, has published full extracts from General Kuropatkin's history of the Russo-Japanese war, which history was confiscated immediately it appeared in print. It is a dismal retrospect of muddle, disorganisation, and unpreparedness. Again and again the Generals flatly disobeyed orders, notably Generals Bilderling and Kaulbers, whom General Kuropatkin holds responsible for the Shaho and Mukden disasters respectively. The troops are described as lacking in warlike spirit, inexperienced, and in some cases untrustworthy, The disastrous dissensions and the jealousy among the high officers, and their early contempt for the enemy, changed later to an over-estimate of the Japanese. Instances are given of many officers leaving the firing line on the most flimsy pretexts. Yet it was asserted that, in spite of everything, the Russian army, when peace was signed, was keen and efficient and schooled to war, and that Russia, thanks to the development, of her armies, had gained the right to victory, but that owing to political troubles at home, and the indifference of the nation to war, the morale to carry off victory was lacking.

#### DEATH OF CAPTAIN E. J. LIDDLE.

We regret to learn from the Japan Hernie that a telegram has been received at Yokohama announcing the death at the Helwan Sanatorium, near Cairo, Egypt, of Captain Emest J. Liddle, who was well known and much, liked at this port, says the Kobs Herald. Captain Liddle; who was only, thirty-six years of age, was for five years with the "Shire" line, finally as captain of the Pembrokeshir Bubsequently he was in Port Arthur on business for some time, and was in the fortress at the time of its bombardment by the Japanese at the commencement of the late war, when with other non-combatants he had to make a hurried departure from the two.

In April 1904 Captain Liddle joined the firm of Mesers. C. Nickel & Co., of this port, as marine superintendent but at the end of the same year he had so attack of pleurisy as the result of exposure in the harbour ducing a severe gale, and he was unable to recover his strength. In the Spring of last year, as it, was apparent that he had fallen a victim to consumption, he went to Colon rado on medical advice, but returned to Yokohama last November in a very critical left Robe for Egypt in the hope that the climate might afford him relief. Captain; Liddle was married in July, 1904, to Violet Alice, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. [H. J. Neville, and leaves a little daughter. It is understood that Mrs. Liddle, with whom great sympathy will be reli, will return to Yokohama as soon as possible.

AMATHUR THEATRICALS "FACING THE MUSIC" A SUCCESS.

Although it could scarcely be said that the Theatre Royal was crowded last night, when the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club presented the comedy " Facing the Music" for the first time, it was comfortably filled with a highly appreciative audience, which included His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan and large representation of the Army and Navy in Hongkong. It is somewhat difficult to classify "Facing the Music," which is the creation of Mr. J. H. Darnley, for it depends much more of the riotousness of the players-or the chief player, at least-than on its intrinsic merits. t belongs to that class of exaggerated and elaborated farce which was at the height of its popularity a decade or more ago, and has lately gained new vitality by the success of American' productions of the "Why Smith left

"Facing the Music" obtains its fun from the coincidence that there are two John Smiths residing in different flats in Mona Mansions. One is a parson, a canting, old humbug who has just lately been married. The Other is also a married man, but taking advantage of his wife's absence he has been having a royal time "on his own." Out all night, he arrives in a dilapidated condition before breakfast in a.m. to be, accurate-and doubtless, quite correctly describes the symptoms of an over-night's debauch to his guest Dick Desmond."

While he was in I eicester Square the previous evening he had an adventure of sorts, a lady having fallen fainting into his arms. Here we have a variety of innuendres, which probably will pass unnoticed by those who know nothing of the locality in question. The lady disappears, and so does his watch and chain and a pocket-book containing £200, won o the turf. It might be interpolated here that a very amusing scene occurs at the outset when the curate of St. Andrews, the Rev. John Smith, sclemnly warns the housekeeper, Mrs Ponting, to abjure horse-racing and to "have nothing on " when the milkman calls next time and would lead her astray by inducing her to back her fancy,

During the night when the Other John Smith slept out, having lost his way in a log, a lady describing herself as Mrs. Smith has arrived and is located in his wife's bedroom. The lady who had fallen fainting in the Other's arms in Leicester : quare comes to make her applogies. and hands over the pocket-book which mysteriously disappeared the previous night-she is an actress from the Bijou. By and by, the real Mrs. Smith appears, that is to say, the wife of the Other One, and it is evident that the first Mrs. Smith is the wife of the curate, who, like most of his kind, is far more fortunate in matrimony than he deserves to be.

Any theatre-gier can tell what happens as the result of this mix up. . Of course all ends happily and explanations are the order of the day. One defect of the comedy is the ridiculous coric tragedy when the Other Mr. Smith goes mad over his household complications. The scene might be all very well in "King Lear but it is absurd and puerile in "Facing the

In a play like this the great thing is to keep matters humming. Teaple are not given time consider probabilities or extraordinary coincidences; they are rushed from one scene to another, immersed in blunders and complications till they hardly know where they are. The players are, consequently, continually on the move. The virility of Lt. Comm. Lloyd Thomas who took the part of the Other Mr. Smith admirably suite I him for the role. He dashed from one place to another, flung his guest hither and thither, threatened a detective with a poker and nearly brained the dainty wife of the curate, and showed that he had a fine stock of explotives. On the whole, he sustained with vigour and much ability the character of the districted husband, who is, apparently, being made the target of designing women. Mr. A. W. G. Watt represented the Curate of St Andrews, the Rev. John Smith. In the conventional way Mr. Watt made the curate stand with his finger-tips together and intone his remarks He nozed good advice and homilies at every pore. Although he had little to do, taken all in all, he shone when he had to do a steeple-chase round the room followed by the Other Mr.

Smith, who believed him to be an international criminal known as Saintly Sam. His flying coattail were extremely picturesque. As Dick Desmond, the guest of the bacchanalian Mr. Buith, Mr. ". C. Lethbridge was continually in view, but his principal requirement was to lau th at his host's escapades and predicaments and bear the blame of his entanglements. Mr. Lethbridge was quite at home in his part. The haughty uncle, Colonel Duncau Smith, was impersonated by Mr. H. M. Kendall with a just appreciati n of the part. Bergeant Duffell was in cool, matter-of-fact hands when represented by Dr. J. W. Hartley. It was the stage detective to the life, the one, that is to say, who is brimming over with self-confidence and assurance. With regard to the ladies, the curate's wife was a most fascinating personality . it as portrayed by Miss C. Shelton Hooper, whose | B charm and grace could not be gainsaid, While | S Mrs. Van der Wonde, who fancied herself the wronged or Other Mrs. Smith, was remarkably I so from stage affectation, and acted her role with extreme ability. Miss Marchant, as the actress from the Pijou, had not very. much to do, but she is certainly to be commended for her representation. Finally Miss Lloyd Thomas, as Mrs. Ponting, was a capital specimen of the London housekeeper. Takenas n whole, the acting was quite satisfactory, and "Facing the Music" went with a vim and ru-h that kept the audience in the greatest good humour, a perpetual ripple of laughter passing over the theatre. The play is by no means state of bealth. In 'ecember he consequently. the best that has been staged by the A.D.C., but its humour and joviality, its rough and tumble fun were appreclated in the most obvious

fashion and it should certainly prove a draw."

Praise is due Messre, R. Sutherland and

John Robertson for their work in connection

with the production of the play, the former

during the intervals, which, it may be stated.

were yery short.

#### CUMMERCIAL

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the weak Mosses. R. S. Kadoorie & Co. write on the 15th inst.:- There has been very little business during the week, owing to the intervention the China New Year holidays, and with the exception of Banks, Unions, and Hongkong Fires there have not been any important changes to record.

Banks.-Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have dropped to \$900 at which rate sales have taken place, the market closing with buyers. The London quotation is £108.

Marine insurances.—Unions have advanced to \$320 and are in demand. Cantons are offering at \$295.

Fire Insurances. - China Fires have strengthened, and have been sold at \$100. Hongkong Fires have buyers at the advanced rate of \$380.

Shipping,-Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are quoted at \$30, ex the final dividend of \$1 per share paid on, the 12th inst. Shell Transp rts have further improved, and can be placed at 37/6. Indos continue ne glected at quotation. The other shipping stocks are unchanged.

Refineries.- China Sugars have not fluctuated and are obtainable at \$120. . Mining.-There are no changes in stocks under this heading.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns -- Kowloon Wharfs are steady at \$95. Hongkong and Whampon Docks can be had at \$140. Shanghai Docks have buyers at Tls. 107 and Hongkew Wharfs at Tis. 235 for the old, and 5225 for the new shares.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings,-Hongkong Hotel have strengthened to \$123 at which rate shares have changed bands. Hongkong Lands are weaker at \$107. Humphreys Estates have been sold and are wanted at \$11.20 ex the dividend of 80 cents per share paid on the 9th

ongkong Cottons can be placed at \$114. Internationals have improved to Tis. 64. Laou Kung Mows are weaker and are offering at Tis. 1321: A statement of the Company's accounts for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1906, is issued to shareholders. In accordance with the resolution, passed at the general meeting, the sum of Tis, 75,880,37 has been written off to depreciation account. Including the sum of Tls 30,760.42 brought forward from last account the net profits for the year amount to Tls. 146,555.70 which the directors recommend be apportioned in the following mauner:-To pay a dividend of Tla. 8 per share, which will absorb Tis. 57,264. To allow for depreciation of mill buildings, reservois and land improvements, machinery, north property Chinese houses, and furniture, the su of Tls. 51,389.48. To allow 10 per cent. commission for general managers, Tis. 6,441.41 and to carry forward the balance of The 31,463.74 to next year's account. Socy Chees have buyers at Tls. 360. In their report end ing December 31st, 1906, issued to share holders, the general manager states that the net profits for that period, including Tla 35,986 63 brought forward on 1st January, ed from the blood clot. It will then be cen-1906, amount to Tls. 232,027.42 which it is proposed by the directors to be dealt with as follows: To pay a dividend Tis. 50 per share, absorbing Tis. 100,000. To write off for depreciation of machinery, furniture, and buildings, the total sum of Tis 47,653.2". To place Tls. 9,801.74 to legal re erve fund. To reduce the book value of Mil Stores a/c by Tls. 3,025. To grant to per cent of the net profits to the manager, and one month's salary to the Mill staff, as a bonus amounting to Tis. 20,878 and to carry forward the balance of Tls. 52,633.45 to 1957 account.

Miscellaneous -- lees have changed hands at \$250 and are in demand. Sales of Greet Island Coments have been effected at \$211 Hongkong Electrics have been parted with at \$151. angkals are strong at Tis. 2621. The report of the directors of this Company for the year ending 31st October, 1906, has been issued to shartholders. The profit and loss account after providing for the four interim dividends, equal to Tis 30 per share, paid to shareholders; and the sum of Tis. 300 000 written off various accounts, leaves a balance of Tls. 17,127.50.

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#### THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg. First Assistant of the Hongkoog Observatory:-On the 16th at 11. o a -The baronicter has risen over Japan, and fallen over the Loochoos

and the E. and S. coasts of China. The high pressure area remains over the Continent to the North of the Yangtre, and a depression appears to be forming to the E.

Strong N.E. and N. winds may be expected in the Formosa Channel, and fresh to moderate monsoon over the China Sea.

FORECAST. 1.-Hongkong and neighbourhood, N.E. to B. winds, fresh; fair, 2.-Formosa Channel, N.E. winds, strong,

also being responsible for the scenery. The South coast of China bet band of H.M.S. Monnouth discoursed music and Lamock, same as No. 1. 3-South coast of China between Hongkong. 4.-South coast of China between Hongkong and Hoinen, same or No. 4

#### I DOUBTHUL CASE

LUKONG'S EXPERIENCE AT A TEA STALL

A case which has created some doubt in the minds of those who were present at the hearing was that in which a Chinese detective, No. 247, charged Chenog King Mo, a fireman, of No. 75, Wellington Street, before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with stealing \$2 from him, this morning, Inspector Warnock watched the proceedings, on behalf of the department.

At about seven o'clock this morning, the complainant, said, he and another lukong whose name or number he did not give, baving finished duty and feeling very hungry went to a stall near the Central Market to have some cake and tea. While he was drinking his tea some person stepped on his feet, causing him to bend with pain. "What are you doing? Cap't you see where you are going? Why don't you walk straight?" complainant said he asked the clumsy individual. He was about to put some more questions to the man when of a sudden another person rushed up to him, and anatch. ing two \$1 bills out of his coat pockets bolted down the road, the "clumsy individual" following. Instead of pursuing the thief, complainant sprinted after his companion and arrested him, allowing the thief to escape. In answer to a number of questions put by the Court complainant said the \$2 was found on defendant's person when arrested, but that he did not see any money change hands.

Inspector Warnock, who was listening carefully to all that complainant was saying, applied for a remand as soon as he stepped from the witness stand. He said that when the defendant was arrested it was suggested that another man stole the money and handed it to accused. The latter was sent down to a shoemaker's shop, the inspector said, and a man who had been in accused's company that morning was brought to the station. This man denied that any theft had been committed, but Cotton Mills.-Ewos are in request at Tis, stated that there was a row at the tea stall hetween the policemen and others. Inspector Warnock said that if that was the case an adjournment was necessary in order that a searching inquiry should be made in reference to

> His Worship fixed the next hearing until Monday next, releasing the accused on bail

## LEIGHTING RINDERPEST.

PREPARATION OF SERUM. On the first of January, 1907, the anti-rinderpest serum laboratory, formerly in charge of the Bureau of Science, was transferred to the Bureau of Agriculture, says the Atanila Time . Under the present arrangement the Bureau of Agriculture has charge of all work pertaining to the purchase and 'management of the herd and the preparation of the senum, up to the point of sterilization, testing and bottling. The Bureau of Science still maintains the technical manipulation of the serum and an arrangement has been perfected between the two bureaus by which all scrum will be delivered to the Butean of Science as soon as it has been pourtrifugated to free it from all precipitates and impunties and filtered through a Pa tour filter to free it from all kinds of infections. This gives a beautiful, clear serum, which is absolutely sterile, and will probably keep inde finitely without cold storage.

The serum is being manufactured now at a rapid inte, and it is expected that in the near future enough will be produced to inoculate all cattle and carabass in the islands where outbreaks of rinderpest now prevnil. It is also expected to produce an additional supply to be astored away so that it can be drawn on in case of a large outbreak of the disease making its

#### To-dan's Advertisements.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK. ING CURPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the half year ending 31st December, 1906, at the rate of ONE POUND AND FIFTEEN SHILLINGS together with a BONUS of ONE POUND STERL-ING per Share of \$125, is Payable on and after MONDAY, the Fighteenth day of February, current, at the Offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, J. R. M. SMITH, Chief Manager,

Hongkong, 6th February, 1907. [235]

#### NOTICE.

MAR. HERBERT BUCHARD BUDD HANCOCK is this day authorised to Sign'the name of our Firm, SHEWAN, TOMES. & . Co. -

Hongkone, 15th February, 1907

#### RACE HOLIDAYS.

THE EXCHANGE BANKS WILL CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business at 11.45 A.M. on TUESDAY, WED. NESDAY and THURSDAY, the 19th, 20th and 21st instant respectively.

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CKETS of ADMISSION to the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD., or at the Gate. Price \$7 for the Meeting (excluding the Off-Day), or \$3 per

Tickets for the Off-Day, \$2. No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate. T. F. HOUGH,

Clerk of the Course. Hongkong, 16th February, 1907.

#### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the GRAND STAND and ENCLOSURE during the Races on the 19th, 20th, 21st and 23rd

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All Tickets must be produced to gain

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T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 16th February, 1907.

#### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

TO SERVANTS will be allowed inside the ENCLOSURE of the RACE COURSE during the Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS which can be had on appl cation to the Under-

T. F. HOUGH, Clerk of the Course, Hongkong, 16th February, 1907.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Captain Superintendent of POLICE, to sell by PUBLIC AUCTION.

. WEDNESDAY, the 20th February, 1907, at 10 A.M., a Ah King's Slipway, Wanchai, The HULL and MACHINERY of

TERMS:-As usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, · Government Auctioneers, Hongkang, 16th February, 1907.

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Dr. J. W. Hartley Mabel ..... The Curate's Wife Miss C. Shelton Hooper Nora..... The other Mr. Smith's wife

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Coffee and Cream (Austrian)	2.50	
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Cocktails, Manhattan, Marti		
Gin, &c		1.00
Creme D'Abricots	2.50	
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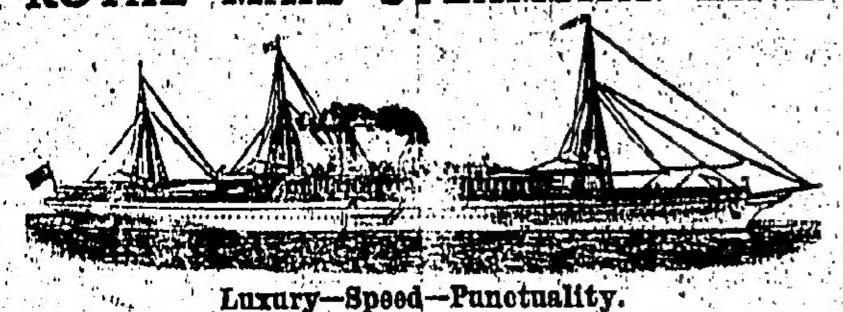
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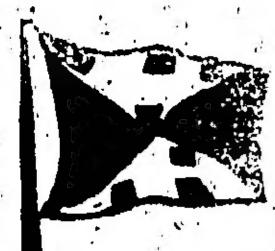
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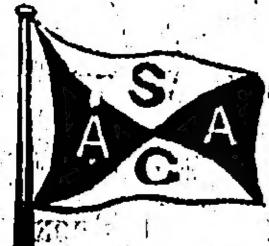
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#### ROCKEFELLENS WARNING. THE BURDEN OF WEALTH.

New York, Dec. 23.

Mr. Juhn D. Rockefeller, the richest man in the world, delivered a little Christmis sermon on the curse of riches and the national sin of extravagance while on the way to Tarrytown to spend Christmas with his family.

While waiting for the departure of his train, Mr. Rockefeller told the assembled reporters that the American people had acquired spendthrift habits which were rushing them into disaster.

Mr. Rockefeller declared that the majority of people were so crazed by prosperity that they spent their money foolishly. Life seemed to be one long race for pre-eminence in dissipating fortunes. They spent too much for clothes, motor-cars, extravagant dinners, etc.

" No one seems to care for the future," he continued. "Everyone is going entirely too fast. Some day there will be a terrible crash, Unless the nation comes to its senses,"

Mr. Rockefeller added that great wealth was a terrible burden and in order to make it a blessing the holder must do good to his fellow-

In view of the warning delivered by Mr. Shaw, Secretary of the Treasury, a few days ago that America was too prosperous, and that a great reaction must follow, Mr. Rockefeller's statements have attracted widespread attention, and are generally commented on by to-day's Dowspapers.

The unbounded extravagance criticised by Mr. Rockefeller is due to the unparalleled prosperity in America. Another New York from pursons in all stations of life and not correspondent gives a remarkable picture of directly interested in the shipping industry, the prevailing conditions which have made the people "money mad." He writes as follows:-

The season of unbounded prosperity began twelve years ago, and since then the speculative fever line increased steadily, until to-day it is universal.

where the United States Steel Trust flourishes, has stirred the ambition of every man; from the Steel Trust officials who are still dependent emigrant who has a brother in the police force.

into high positions and the acquisition of vast shipping concerns. Unlike many of the new fortunes which have not been earned have done | undertakings which depend entirely upon more to demoralise industrial America than any other phase of the prosperity boom.

cently that Mr. Andrew Carnegie, by selecting formal preliminaries, connected with the certain men in his Pittsburg companies to be flotation, so that shareholders may expect millionaries, had more than neutralised the to receive a proper dividend of profit good done by his libraries and technical from the outset. As Mr. Nishikawa, one of schools; Mr. Carnegie is the financial god- the promoters of the new company, remarked father of more than a dozen millionaires, who in discussing their prospects the other day, if began life as small salaried employes in one a shipping company could for ulate a plan of his steel companies.

ly to amass fortunes without working. On the at a juncture when general depression is piecontrary, thousands of men are killing them. vailing throughout the trade its foundation creation of any kind, in order to keep pace with solid basis. If, for instance, the new company

show an alarming increase in the number, of the hitherto leading companies is paying no cases of business men suffering from incurable | dividend at all, the new venture could be brain disease. The insane asylums in New looked to for a 16 per cent, dividend while the York, Philadelphia, Chicago, and other great industrial centres contain scores of inmates who have collapsed mentally from overwork.

Many of the victims suffer from megalomania, and talk of nothing but colossal schemes for making money. They sign cheques for fabulous sums, and believe that they are conducting enormous financial transactions, A wheat broker who is among the latest victims in New York became a raving maniac while transacting business in the wheat pit last Thurs-

throughout the United States. There is not a town of 5,000 inhabitants or more that does not have at least two or three "bucketshops." In New York and Chicago they flourish in thousands. Their clients are widows, poor clergymen, and labourers, and the bait is made fortunes specutating in Wall-street.

This phase of gambling has led to numberless tragedies. Bucketshop failures are invariably followed by frenzied outbursts on the part of the dupes. The gaol at Emporia, Kansas, was attacked a few days ago by a mob, which endeavoured to capture a financial shark named Pierce, who had swindled hundreds of poor people in a bucketshop which promised to pay 135 per cent. He would have been lynched had the mob succeeded in entering the jail.

Every man believes, himself to be a financier. The bootblacks at the street corners take regular. "fliers" in shares. The tape machines in the saloons and restaurants are surrounded by groups of auxious investors at all hours. Some of the heaviest plungers are the waiters at Delmonico's, Sherry's, and 'other fashionable restaurants. In consequence of their large tips, they can afford to speculate on a large scale.

The ambition of every waiter and chef in the country has been fired by the historic example of "Oscar," the chef at the Walderf-Asteria, who has become a millionaire through tips furnished by wealthy customers in exchange for gastronomic masterpieces,

Two bank clerks were arrested last week for using their employers funds for Stock Exchange speculation. Both lost heavily. The majority of the banks have issued notices warning their clarks that they will be discharged instantly if they speculate, even with their own money.

A chauffour named O'Hagan, who came from Ireland six years ago, and was employed as a coachman by a Fifth-Avenue millionaire, has amassed £40,000 through investments suggested by his employer in a conversation with a friend while in the car. He is now preparing to float a new motor car company,

country has cent up the prices of all come seem

modities. Rents have increased by one-third within two years. In many provincial cities-Pittsburg for example—it is impossible to secure a flat of four small rooms for less than £20 a month. A modest "grill" dinner for two persons in a Pittsburg restaurant costs from &t to £2 10., without wine.

All this is engendered by the apparent neverending prosperity of the country. The people ere in danger of losing their balance on account of it.

#### 2HR JAPANESE SHIPPING COMBINE.

Among the numberless fresh undertakings springing up in all parts of the country, writes the Japan Chronicle editorially, none is of more general interest and importance than the Nippon Kisen Kaisha, the long talked of steamship combine, preliminary arrangements for the formation of which are said to be now almost complete. The general public of Japan company and its prospects; but although the combine will, be a large concern with a capital of Y20,000,000 it will not be neces-'sary to place large number of shares on the market for subscription. The reason for this is that one half of the capital is to be subscribed by the ship-owners who join in the Company, while the greater part of the remaining Yto,000,000 will be taken up by the promoters, supporters, and others who are Concerned in the scheme. As evidencing the public interest in the undertaking, it is of interest to note that already applications in advance for 300,000 shares have been received The enterprise being more or less of a national character, it is stated to be the desire of the promoters that as many shares as possible should be distributed amongst the outside

The favourable reception at the hands of All classes are influenced by the one desire | the Japanese public of the new company at a to get rich quickly. The steady output of time when shipping circles generally are ex-"machine-made" millioraires in Pittsburg, periencing inactivity appears somewhat strange at first sight, but there are reasons for it. In the first place there are circumstances in connection with the present scheme which render on their salaries to the newly-arrived Irish | the company, though a new one by name, hardly such in fact, because it is the amalga-The sudden elevation of humble workmen mation of the business of various established future prospects, the ippon Kisen Kaisha will be in a position to carry on business A well-known industrial journal declared re- immediately on the completion of the by which a reasonable profit could be practi-The prevailing mania is not a desire primari- | cally guaranteed within a short space of time selves by working sight and day, without re- must of necessity be said to be placed on a their fellow competitors in the race for fortunes. | could estimate with any degree of certainty a The lunacy records of the past five years | dividend of 6 per cent. at a time when one of other would be only paying to percent.

'It would certainly seem from a cursory view of the prospects that there should be a good future for the Nippon Kisen Kaitha, but-it-is inadvisable to regard it too optimitically. The keen competition that is sure to follow between the new and the older companies, together with the foreign vessels, has to be considered; and there are many shippers who would be disposed to support those undertakings with which they are acquainted and which have stood the test of experience. In this connec-Frenzled finance in every form is epidemic I tion it is worthy of note that in the China coastal trade the combine will have a formidable rival in the Nisshin Kisen, Kaisha, particulars of the formation of which appear in another column to-day. It is pointed out, however, that the business of the Nippon Kisen Kaisha will be carried on on a usually the latest list of the men who have different plan to that adopted by the other companies; for whereas they, generally speaking, principally engage in the passenger service, it is intended by the combine to make

the cargo-carrying trade its chief business. At present is connection, with the local as well as the foreign services of the principal Japanese steamship companies calls are only made at the most important ports, just as the express trains stop at certain stations only and pass through many of the smaller places. I is believed by the promoters of the new steamship concern that a large volume of business can be created by the steamers calling at small ports at present almost entirely neglected by the existing companies.

. That'one of the aims of the new undertaking is to compete severely with some of the foreign steamers trading in Far Eastern waters, possibly ousting them out, there can be little doubt, and the competition between the Nippon Kisen Kaishn and the foreign shipping com. Arabia, Ger. s.s., 2,867, H. Metzenthip, 13th Ritel Friedrick, Kamakura Maru. Prinness panies is sure to be even keener than that between it and the other Japanese concerns. The promoters point out that rice from Siam and Rangoon, sugar from Java, phosphatic rock from the Pacific Islands, etc., are all at present imported to Japan by foreign steamers, and it is such trade that the Nippon Kisen Kaisha seeks to develop and promote. So that while the competition with the existing Japanese lines is likely to be keen, the foreign shipping industry in the Far East-already, hard hit by Japanese enterprise—is likely to receive a further blow by the formation of the Nippon Kisen Kaisha. The promoters anticipate success in this direction by reason of more economical working than can be employed on the foreign vessels, and also on account of the anticipated Government bounty. -by which they hope to make good any losses. that may be incurred. Whether all their The amazing and genuine prosperity of the anticipations will be realised remains to be

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Arrivals. Coptic, Br. s.s., 2,744, A. Dixon, 14th Feb.,-San Francisco 17th Jan, Honolulu 24th, Yokohama 7th Feb , Kobe 9th, Nagasaki

10th, and Shanghai 12th, Mails and Gen. -0. & O. S. S. Co. Norrona, Corean s.s., Soo; P. Markussen, 15th Feb., -- Wakamatsu oth Feb., Goal. -- M. B.

Kinking, Br. s.s., 1,227, Wavell, 14th Feb.,-Shanghai 12th Feb., Gen.—B. & S. Kowloon, Ger. s.s., 2,326, H. Stehr, 15th Feb.,

-Saigon 11th Feb., Rice and Paddy .- S. Phuyen, Fr. s.s., 7,500, Bouisson, 15th Feb.,
-Saigon 11th Feb., Rice,-B. & Co.

Derwent, Br. s.s., 1.512, J. Jonkins, 1:th Feb.,
—Saigon 11th Feb., Gen.—Man Fat & Co. Kohsichang, Ger. s.s., 2,902, C. Rosiefsky, 15th Feb., -Bangkok 4th Feb., Rice. - B.

Anghin, Ger. 8.3., 1,250, Chr. Kümpel, 15th Minnesota, Am. 8.8., 20,717, Chas. Austin, 11th Feb.,—Bangkok 6th Feb, Rice.—B. & S. Feb.,—Scattle 9th Jan., Gen.—N. Y. K. appears to be showing great interest in the Alger, Fr. cruiser, 3,000, Faurmer, 16th Feb.,from Practice.

> Fukushu Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,090, T. Ito, 16th Feb.,—Anping 13th Feb., Gen.—O. S. K. Shoshu Maru, Jap. s.s., 999, M. Nemoto, 16th Feb.,-Shanghai via Foochow, Amoy and and Swatow 15th Feb., Gen.-O. S. K.

Clearances at the Harbour Office. Banoi, for Kwong-chow-wan. Haitan, for Swetow. Dorte, for Shanghai. Yuensang, for Manila. Maian Mary, for Swalow. Zaftro, for Manila. Carl Diederichsen, for Hoihow.

Dakota, for Canton.

#### Departures.

Feb. 16. Doric, for San Francisco. Java, for Singapore, Cyclops, for Vancouver. Sambia, for Singapore. Lothian, for Bhanghai, Hanal, for Haiphong. Ponctong, for Bangkok. Kwanglee, for Canton, Hunan, for Canton. Zafiro, for Manila. E. B. Sutton, for Baltimore. Koun Maru, for Saigon. Tinhow, for Saigon. Hirsane, for Spigon. Yuensang, for Manila. Hailan, for Pakhoi, Knivsberg, for Kwong-chow-wan, Kinkiang, for Canton.

#### Passengers arrived.

Per Fukushu Maru, from Anping-Mr.

Hastings. Per Coptic, from San Francisco, &c.-Messes. E. G. Abrey, W. C. Bryant, R. Corbett, M. Dean, S. Dewing, H. W. Kirkpatrick, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Muni, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reed, Dr. and Mrs. W. F. Pierce, Rev. O. A. Carlson, Messrs. S. M. Little, Colley Shaw, Mrs. J. C. Thompson, Mr. G. B. Atkinson, Mr. Messrs. C. Barn, n. Miss F. Pixity, Pond. C. S. Chew and servant, Messrs. H. A. Chang and servant, E. B. Skottowe, W. H. Watkins, P. L. Phelan, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ryley, and Mr. T. D. McKay.

Per Anghin, from Bangkok-Mr. H. R.

## Per Shoshu Maru, from Swatow-Mr.

Passengers departed.

Per Empress of India, for Vancouver, &c .--Prof. E. Hamilton Sharp, Mr. K. Hasegawa, Major Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Cornell, Messrs, H. L. Fletcher, Hori, Chu Shinki, E.A. Mackay, Capt. Dunbar, Mr. and Mrs. Allison, Mr. roold Fuchs, Mr. A. S. G. Bell, Lieut. Mill lames, Mr. E. L. D. Bayle, Misses Currie, Wraper, Mr. C. W. Hodgson, Miss E. Flath, Mr. and Mrs. Garland, Mrs 'B. Potter, Mr. P. A. Stovold Mr. and Mrs. Roff; Mr. A Babington, Mrs. E. Mast, Mr. Sydney Mast, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. M. Noble, Miss Barclay, Capt. Cutler, Dr. Bagg, Measts, C. W. Rigmann, W.

N. Dunlop, and Mrs. Widman. Per Dorle, for Sun Francisco, &c .- Rev. R. T. Alsop, Mr. H. W. Walter, Lieut.-Comdr. H. R. Alfred, U.S.N., Messrs, W. E. Parker and G.

Per Prinzess Alice, for Shanghal-Messrs W. A. Birchal, F Urban, Borner, Barel, G. F. Mrs. Meyer, Mrs. Remedios and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt and child. For Nagasabi-Mr. Kakuda, Misses Ichitura and Hashs. For Kobe-Mr. and Mrs. Hankins and child, and Mr. Marsuvara. For Yokohama -Messrs. Goodwin, Feige, H. Fock, and Mrs.

#### Shipping Reports

Str. Norrona, from Wakamatsu:-Strong N.E. wind with cloudy weather.

Str. Kowloon, from Saigon:-Fine weather last two days strong easterly winds and sea.

Str. Anghin; from Bangkok:-South from Particel Island fair. North strong N.E. mon-

Str. Fukushu Maru; from Anping!-Very heavy N. Rasterly monsoon across to Formess Channel and the way to Swatow from Amoy.

Str. Derwent, from Saigon:-Moderate N.E. and Easterly breezes and slight swell up to Lat. 19" N. Fresh to strong gales up.

#### Vessels in Port. STEAMERS

Alabama, Br. s.s., D. O. Redding, 13th Feb.,

Jan., Flour and Gen .- P. & A. S. S. Co. Athenian, Br. s.s., 3,883, A. O. Cooper, toth Rikimtara, Gienstros, Rasdara, St. Pomingo, Shanghai 7th Feb., Gen.-C. P. R. Co.

Holbow ! th, Rice and Gen .- ]. & Co. Childa, Nor. s.s., 1,102, A, Augensen, 11th lon, Antenor, Ernest Simons, Hitachi Maru, Feb. Bangkok and Feb., and Swatow roth Feb., Gen.-N. Y. K.

Chowtai, Ger. s.s., 1,115, W. Möllermann, 14th Rivirclyde. Feb.,-Bangkok 4th Feb., Rice and Wood.

-Weihaiwei oth Feb., Gen,-J. & Co. Fukura Maru, Jap. s.s., 1:046 K. Mori, 14th Feb., -- Moli oth Feb., Coal. -- M. B. K. Halphong 12th Peb., Gen, A. R. M.

Indradeo, Br. s.s., Rasterbrod, 19th Jan.,-Sydney 24th Dec., Coal.-S., T. & Lo. Kamor, Nor. s.s., 919, S. F. Muns, 13th Feb., -Wakamatsu 7th Feb., Coal -Mr. Bune. Kanchow, Br. s.s., 1,217, Meathrel, 17th Feb. -Swatow 11th Feb., Ballast. - B. & S. Kiang Ching, Ch. a.s., 2,0:0, H. Udden, 10th Feb. Chinking 5th Feb. Gen. Chi-

Kintuck, Br. s.s., 2,996, B. C. Lewis, 14th Fpb.,—Singapore 8th Feb., Gen.—B. & S. Kumsang, Br. s.s., 2,078, E. J. Buller, roth Fob, -- Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 4th Feb., Gen:-J. M. & Co. Laortes, Br. s.s., 1,311, J. B. Jackson, 8th Feb. -Salgon 4th Feb., Rice and Gen,-Wo

Fat Sing & Co. Landrat Scheiff, Ger. s.s., 1,012, H. Grandt oth Feb.,-Saigon 4th Feb. Rice.-S. & Masan Maru, Jap. a.s., 703, 1. Sakurai, 13th Feb.—Tamsui toth Feb., Amoy 11th, and

Swatow 12th, Gen,-O. S. K. Mercedes, Br. transport, 2,903, J. S. McGregor, 29th Jan.,-Singapore 22nd Jan., Coal,-Monteagle, Br. s.s., 3,953, S. Robinson, 14th

hal 11th, Sept., Flour, Lead and Gon,-C. Neil MacLeod, Am. s.s., 901, E. Corral, 19th June,-Manila 16th June, Ballast .- Barretto & Co.

Newton Hall, Br. s.s., 2,675, H. C. Hostler, 4th Feb. - Penarth 18th Dec., 1906, Coal.-Admiralty. N. S. de Rosario, Am. s.s., 715, M. Lopez, Blanco, 12th June,—Manila 9th June,

Ballast,-Barretto & Co. Nicheyei Maru, Jap. s.s.; 2,302, S. Natsume, toth Feb., - Moji 4th Feb., Coal, - Order. Nord, Nor. s.s., 730, G. Haraldsen, 11th Feb., -Saigon tth Feb , Rice.-Aagaard, Thoresen & Co.

Paklat, Ger. s.s., 1,300, H. Demes, 10th Feb., -Bangkok 4th Feb., Rice,-B. & S. Peleus, Br. s.s., 4,800, Hannah, 14th Feb.,-Shanghai 12th Feb., Gen.-B. & S. Petchaburi, Ger. s.s., 1,370, C. Gosewisch, 5th

Feb.,-Bangkok 23rd Jan, Rice and Timber,-M. & Co. Prinz Sigismund, Ger. s.s., 3,302, Lenz, 8th - Feb. Sydney 15th Jan, and Manila 5th Feb., Gen.-M. & Co.

Progress, Ger. s.s., 687, H. Pahren, 8th Feb. -Degie-5th Feb., Salt.-L., W. & Co. Quarta, Ger. s.s., 1,145, H. Madsen, 13th Feb., -Saigon 8th Feb., Rice.-Man Fat Co. Ratho, Br. s.s., 2,747, J. Thomson, 9th Feb.,-New York via Manila 6th Feb., Case Oil and Gen .- . O. Co. Sarsogan, Am. s.s., 428, Vitteria, 7th Sept.,-

Manila 4th Sept., Ballast, -Order. Signal, Ger. s.s., 960, G. Schlalkier, 8th Feb. -Singapore 29th Jan., and Holhow 7th Feb., Gen.-J. & Co. Simongan, Dut. s.s., 1,200, Zaiderhoudt, 11th

Feb.,-Samarang and Pulo Laut 3rd Feb., Sugar,-Chinese. Skuld, Nor. s.s., 947, A. Odd, 13th Feb.,-Saigon 5th Feb., Rice.-Asgaard, Thore-

sen & Co.

Suma Maru, Jap. 8.8., 2,022, H. Yamaguchi, 9th Feb., -Saigon 3rd Feb., Rice. - Gilman Tacoma, Am. s.s., 0,606, E. W. Roberts, 28th Jan.,-Tacoma via Japan Ports 13th Dec.,

Gen.-D. & Co., Ld. "1737 Maru, Jap. s.s., 1,500, Tajihama, 8th Gen,-Japanete. Weihalwei 3rd Feb., Tean, Br. s.s., 1,346, fommerville, 15th Feb.,-Manila 12th Feb., Gen.-B. &.S. Tjilatjap, Dut. s.s., 2,475, P. J. van Emmerick,

12th Feb.,-Moji 7th Feb., Coal.-J. C. J. Tosa Maru, Jap. s.s., 3,610, K. Kato, 10th Feb., -Shanghai 7th Feb., Gen.-N. Y. K. Unding, Nor. s.s., 1,113, H. Thorkjornsen, 23rd

Thoresen & Co. Yrung, Am. s.s., 469, H. Nelson, 16th. Oct.,-Amov 14th Oct., Ballast,-Yeng Chung.

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18th Oct. -- Manila 26th Sept. Old Iron .-Order. Steamers Expected.

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H'kong Maru. Japan ..... T. K. K .... Feb. 24

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#### Ships Passed The Canal.

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Arrivals at Home-22nd January-Polynerien, Sithonia, Trieste, Pring Regent Luit-Empress of Japan, Br. s.s., 3,039, Henry | pald. 25th January-Aferionelkikiry, Myrmit-Pybus, R.N.R., 13th Feb., -Vancouver a5th | don! , 28th January - Maragon . 29th January Jan, and Shanghai 11th Feb., Mails and | W Rhenanta; 1st February Glenavon, Print Entin, Ger. s.s., 1,160, T. Kaysen, 12th Feb.; Pak' Ling. 4th February-Formosa. 11th February-Kannebic, Segovia, Yarra, Kama, burn Maru tith February-Glovent, Stam, Gaskell, Mr. and Mis. Bibaniary, 15th Jebruary-C. Ford, Lacist, Hongkong, Fr. s.s., 742, E. Coreil, 14th Feb., Fifnishire, Keemun, Hisachi Maru, Si. Do.

#### Post Office.

A Mail will close for :-Swatow, Amoy and Foochow-Per Halian, 17th Feb., 9 A.M. Halphong-Per Hongkong, 18th Feb., O A.M. Macao-Per Sul Tai, 18th Feb., 1.15 P.M.

Singapore-Per Poleus, 18th Feb , 3 P.M. Kobe, Yokohama and Portland, Or .- Per Arabia, 18th Feb., 4.P.M. Swatow, Amby, Foochow and Shanghal-Per Sosku Maru, 18th, Feb., 5 P.M. Swatow and Bangkok-Per Petchaburi, 18th Feb., 5 P.M. Swatow, Amby and Foothow-Por Halmun,

19th Feb., B A.M. Singapore, Penang and Calcutta - Per Kumsang, 19th Feb., 10 A.M. Europe, &c., India, via.) Tuticorin-Per Tourant, 19th Feb., II A.M.

VISITORS AT THE HOTELS, HONGKONG. Adams, P. R. Howard, E. Allan, Miss, A. J. Innes, Capt. R. Allan, Mr. and Mrs. J. Aston, F. W. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Joughin, J. C. Cremer. Battiscombe, H. G. Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. Lehrs, P. O. V. Bovill Biervliet, A. Van (Vice- Linton, P. Consul for Belguim) Little, T. M. cishop, J. L. Logan, Mr. & Mrs. W. lisney, Mr. & Mrs. S. Longsdon, Mr. & Mrs. Machengie, H. Marriott, Dr. O. Massey, Miss K. A.

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Chapman, H. K. V. C., Percy, J. Perkins, Mr., and Mrs. Major A. Chapman, B. F. Chatham, Hon. & Mrs. Pfordten, A. R. Von Chatham, Miss Philpot, L. D. Chichester, D. A. A. G., Picton, J. B. D.S.O., Major A. A. Pollock, F. Chichester, Mrs. A. A. Powell, W. A. Preshaw, C. M. Clark, M. O.

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Shattock, Miss Denison, P. B. Shepherd, Mr. & Mrs. Detzer, C. Donald, Mr. and Mrs. E. Bruce Singer, W Doclittle, F. H. Skinn, A. Spittles, J. S. Downing, Mr. and Mrs. Stebbing, W. T. T. C. and infant Stephens, H. Smallman, Mr. and

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Terrett, Miss J. C. · Thompson, Mr. & Mrs. Fischer, R. Thompson, Miss H. M. Fisher, H. G. Toledano, Th. Flatcher, H. L. Topliss, H. J. Forde, F. H.

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Whiteaway, Miss (2) Williams, Miss L. Wishart, 1. B. Wighart, L. Hewatt, Hon E. A. Wood, G. G. Young, J. A. Howett, Mrs. P. A. KING EDWARD. Maclaughlin, Mrs. Alberts, Dr. J. E. Almond, Capt, & Mrs. Mara, J. A. Mara. Miss Russell

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Pellon, Mr. Capell, Mr. and Mrs. Piper, C. J. R. and 2 children Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. Farrow, Mr. and Mrs. T. K. Simpson, Mrs. W. M. and child Gow. Mrs. W. and 2 Tabot, D. Thomas, Lt. Comds, I. children Whyte, Mr. and Mrs. R. and child Munro, Miss A.

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S. Peter's Seamen's Church Queen's Road West First Sunday in Lent. Morning Prayer 11: a.m., : Venite, Crotchi.

Te Deum, Woodward; Hymns, 92, 109, 594 and 233, Kyrie. Holy Communion 12.15 p.m. Evening Prayer, 6.30 p.m., Cantate, Crotch Deus Hopkins; Hymns, 99, 435, 595 and 1051 The Church launch Dayspring will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 0.15 and id.30 n.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m.; (Kowloop) Police Pier, 10.30 and 6 p.m.); returning afterwards. The Answering Pennant is the Call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropri-

ated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided. Sunday school to to 10.45 m.m. Meeting at Seamen's Institute 72; Praya East on Sunday at 8 p.m. Roman Catholic Cathedral:-- Mass at 6 a.m. . 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9.30 a.m. Benediction.

5.30 p.m. German Betheeda Chapel, West Point:-Morning Service, 11 a.m. St. Francis' Church, Wanchai :- Mass (Chin.). 6a.m. (Port.). 7.30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m. St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road:--Morning Service (English), to a.m. St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point :- Mass.

Union Church :- Services, II a.m., and 6 p.m. UNION CHURCH, KENNEDY ROAD, MINISTER! 

11 a.m. Worship, Hymns, Nus. 122, 5870 339, Psalm 13. 4'p.m. Sunday School at Union Church, and in British, School, Kowloon, . 6 p.m. Worship, Hymns Nos. 17, 27, 205, 227,

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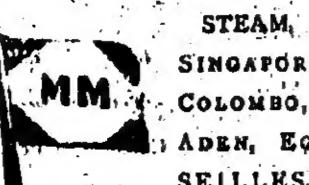
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χ,   ,	MARINE INSURANCES.  Canton Insurance Office, Limited	·r,000,	5250	<b>\$</b> 5a	\$1,675,000} \$200,000	\$233,638	\$20,for,1005 ,	61 %	\$295 sellers
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	North China Insurance Company, Limited	1,000		L 25	( Tis. 50,000)		2 30.0.1906		
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- 1	Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited	f 9.0	\$250 \$25	525	\$6,000	\$6,563	*1] for 1905.		\$21
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	Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited	10,000	/10	110	£3,999	£2,412	10/- @ ex. 2/1 9/16-\$4.69		186 Tls. 6: sellers.
-	Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited		- 4, 50 /1	£1	Tis: 20,000 {:	Tis, 23,156	Interim div. of Tis 21 n'e 1906	1 1 2 X	Tis. to buyers
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*****	China Sugar Refining Company, Limited		100	\$100°	\$450,000 \$86,129 none	1. 132,588	Final of \$15 making factor toos		\$129 sellers
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-	Criental Consolidated Mining Company, Limited	1, 20,000	C 510	18/10 L1	rone	6 3909,050	Interim of 50 cents for account 1966	10. %	G. \$10
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he ess	Vangtste Wharf and Godown Company, Limited	2,500	Tis. 100	Tis, 100	7 Tin 57,005, none Tin 30,000	none	none		Tis, 225 buyers Tis, 240 buyers
go.	LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.  Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ld.	25,000	Tls, 100		_	none	First year		Tis. 105 sa. & b.
D,	Central Stores, Limited (new issue)	"  <b>(</b> . Q¹000	\$25 \$15 \$15	525 515 \$15	130,000	\$8,418 \$4,719	\$3.40 on \$12 for 1905	131 %	\$16 buyers \$16 buyers \$16 buyers
12	Do. (Founders')	123	\$15 \$50	\$12)	\$648,975 \$19,075	STOOLS.	(None		\$300 buyers
	Hotel des Colonies Company, Limited	9,000	100 15. 25	Tis, 25 \$100	7 ls. 29,783	7 ls. 1,935	Final of 6 % = 10 % for 1905	101 %	S107 buyers Tis, 15 sales
-	Hotel Metropole Company, Limited	1 (0,000	510	\$10	\$208,386 \$50,000	1 30,130,	80 cents for 1906	71 %	
	Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited	\$ \$7,000		T'e. 50	7 1s. 869,493	11,089			(Tis. 106 sales.
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	COTTON MILLS.  I wo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ld., Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing	15,000	Tis, 50	Tir. 50	Tls. 150,000 Tls. 45,939				Tls. 75 buyers
lo,	Company, Limited	1113,000	\$10 Tls. 75		3110'0CO	131,000		5.5	Tis, 64 buyers
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	MISCELLANEOUS.								
	Anglo-German Brewery Company, Limited	8,604	\$100 12/6 \$10	\$100 12/6 \$10	19,000	11,097	1/3 per share for 1905;	10 %	\$7 sellers 1. \$30
	China Flour Mill Co., Limited	4,000	\$12 Tir. 50 \$10	Tis, 50 \$10	none.	Nil. Tis. 889	Final of Tis, 5 making Tis, 10 for 1905  60 cents for year ended 18.2.06	171 % 61 %	Tis. 57 sales
	China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ld Dairy Farm Company, Limited	25,000	\$10 \$7\$	Sio.	\$115,000 \$50,000 \$410,000	134	\$1.30 for year ending 31:7.19c6	0 7	\$84v Stój salos, \$214
i.	Hall & Holtz, Limited	21,000	\$20	. \$20·	\$500,000 } \$186,000	\$20,893	\$21 for year ending 28.2.00	101 %	\$23 bayers
	Hongkong Electric Company, Limited	1 1,250	\$100	\$100 \$25		\$2,568	1stdiv.of\$20for 10 months ending 18.10.05.	101 %	Stfi buyers Szt5 Sz50 buyers
570	Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ld	50,000	\$10 \$10	\$10	4-1317	15,813	Final of 50 cents making \$1 for the year	15 %	\$21 \$61
370	Maatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch-en Landbouwex-) ploitatie in Langkat, Limited Philippine Company, Limited	67.500	G1, 100	Sro.	Tis. \$47,500 } Tis. 27,603.			3 7 8 6	Tis. 2622 buyers
	Shanghai Gas Company, Limited (old)  Do. do. (new)  Shanghai Horse Bazsar Co., Ld.	16,000	Tis. 50 Tis. 50 Tis. 50	Tis, 50)	Tls. 165,000		f istationare tres assistant attended to the con-		{Tis. 100 buyors   {Tis. 106 b Tis. 34
•	Shanghai Pulp and Paper Company, Limited	4,500	Tis. 100	Tls. 100	Tis, 37,000 Tis, 8,000	Tis. 2,753	Interim div. of Tls. 5 account 1906,	111 %	Tis. 120 buyers
<b>3</b> %	Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited	\$ 8,175	Tis. 20	Tis, 20	Tis, 24,820 Tis, 25,000 Tis 190,000	5	Interim div. of ist-for hyear 1906	400	Tis. 315 Tis. 285
	South China Morning Post, Limited	20,000	\$25; \$ 5		none,	Drau. \$41,9341	None; 30cts, (old) & 15cts (new) year ended 31.5.c6	58 %	\$25 sales \$52
	Cnited Ashestos Oriental Agency, Limited	2,000	Tis, 100	\$43	Tis. 15,295 } Tis.,4,000 }	Tls: 1,012	Interim of Timu for year 1905/6	71 %	Tis. 100 buyers
•	Watson, (A. S.) & Co., Limited	100	\$10 \$10	\$10}	5 \$300,0007	\$7.734	Interim of 45 cents for account 1906	3.6	\$150 \$12
	William Powell, Limited	1.	\$10	SID	\$4,500	\$182	[Final of 3) cts, making 80 cts. for the }	101 %	578 buyers
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length, Sir Ernest Satow, who was then

British Minister at Peking, took the matter

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femains that they stood a solid phalanx.

in the way of those who favoured the agree-

Vice-President of the Ministry of Posts and

Communications, became so wrath at last

their tactics and condemning their attitude.

"No sooner has this loan been made and

the Agreement thereament signed," he

wrote, "than I find you advocating the can-

cellation of this very Agreement. Although

your views may be excusable in the light of your

patriotism, I am afraid that you will find-oon-

siderable difficulty in realising your hopes."

His Excellency was right, for the Agreement

has been sanctioned and the matter is settled.

We can only trust that, after the Chinese

New Year, evidence will be forthcoming to

the section running from Canton and join-

Kowloon-Canton railway an accomplished

CHINESE IMMIGRATION IN

AMERICA.

of immigrants to the United States, the total

admissions during the period being 1,166,335

an increase of 106,598 over the previous

in the applications for admission. Of one

thing we may be quite certain, however-

the number of Chinese admissions' was an

infinitesimal quantity in comparison with

that of aliens of other nationalities. The

Commissioner in considering the tabulated

section of his report makes reference to the

Chinese Exclusion Law and some of the

difficulties which attend its enforcement.

He is evidently of opinion that the power

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BIRTHS.

On January 9, 1907, at Foothow, the wife of fact, G. SIEMSSEN, Esq., H. G. M.'s Consul, of a On February 6, at Shanghai, to Captain

M. DAVIDSON, 4th Bn. The King's Regt., and Mrs. Davidson, a son, BEATTIE. -At Stokes Bungalow, West Peak, on the 12th instathe wife of ANDREW BEATTIE,

At Shanghai, on the 14th inst., the wife of GEORGE HUTTON POTTS of a son.

MARRIAGE.

On February 6, 1,907, at Shanghai, KENETH OSWALD MACKENZIE, son of the late Robert Mackenzie and Mrs. Mackenzie, to ASTRID ALICE (BARBIE) younger daughter of the late N. C. R. Petersen and Mrs. Petersen, of Shanghai, and grand-daughter of William A. Carlson, Harbour Master at Shanghai. DEATHS.

On February 2, 1907, at Shanghai, EMIL DALIETO, aged 33. On February 5, 1907, at Shanghai, CECIL EDGAR VAN BERGEN, aged 4 years and 11

On February 8, 1907, at Shanghai, ALICE HOBBS, aged 26. "On February 8, 1907, at Chinwangtao, D. MCKELLAR, second engineer of the str. Kal-

On February 9, 1907, at Shanghai, FRAN-CISCO XAVIER CARNEIRO, aged 44. On February to, 1907, at Shanghai, J. BAYOL, of the Imperial Maritime Customs.

Suddenly on the 11th insta Captain ALEX-ANDER TELLETY, Jate Marine Euperintendent. C. P. R. Co., aged 63.

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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1907.

KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY LOAN AGREEMENT SANOTICNED.

(9th February.)

tended, without a doubt, to divert traffic from sympathy with those who would seek to the Anglo-Chinese line to the purely Chinese | relax the hidebound laws enacted against undertaking. It may be argued that His the Chinese. The recrudescence of the cards in his hand, but there was ample cir- occurred after the Commissioner had subcumstantial evidence to prove the trend of mitted his report to the Senate, and conse-

his play. What he failed to do as Viceroy | quently he may have fancied that it had of the two Kwang he succeeded in ac- died a natural death. But there is no doubt chieving through the medium of his as to the sincerity of the promoters of the friends and relatives in Peking: The terms. boycott in their propaganda work, and such of the Agreement were threshed out back- a report is not calculated to calm the spirit wards and forwards till it seemed as if the of retaliation among the natives. However, task of Sisyphus had assumed a new and it is perhaps unjust to judge the Commisoriental shape." It was blocked, sidetracked | sioner's views from an epitome of the report, and mangled until there was real reason to and we can only wait until the original has fear that the attempt to get it through the arrived in Hongkong.

preliminary stages would prove abortive. At BRITISH PRESIIGE. (11th February.) in hand and by his vigorous and persistent that, despite the opposition of certain some of the effects of their visit to Hongofficials at the Chinese capital, the British kong may be considered. While Their section of the line should be constructed | Royal Highnesses contributed to the gaicty ties at Canton, relying on the eventual suc- the medium of adding to her artistic riches, cess of their representatives at Peking," re- | and, 'no doubt, from the feminine standing the excuse that the Agreement had not | ing her local resources, But that is not the been sanctioned by Imperial edict. Even al- point, for it is the spontaneous exhibition of opposition had by no means lost heart. They portance. After all, given a bright sky and the short time at his disposal, to form an that he wrote a stinging letter- to the kong to resist an invader, we diffidently beg opponents of the Agreement "denouncing leave to doubt. It is quite possible that of the forts to repel an attacking force, which can only come by water, but it is a well-known fact that the island is far from anxiety the construction of the Kowloon-Canton railway, believing that it afforded a loophole for those who had siniater intentions against Great Britain. He had a scheme somewhat, resembling the Channel tunnel, idea; whereby the strategical importshow that a serious start has been made with | ance of the line might be discounted, but it was never brought to fruition. At the same tion is apt to reveal defects which are not Japan naturally diminishes the danger should somewhat too condensed to permit of any the interests of the Colony as the sentinel of

whether that was the extent of the decrease | the Far East generally. CHINESE IMMIGRATION INTO . MANILA. .

will be directed to certain remarks regarding | considered. In these circumstances, we trust

(12th February.)

scheme, for the simple reason that he had quite evident, if this precis of the report referred and the rulings of the Bureau of which it has been fostered, encouraged and other objects in view, notably the construct may be accepted as approximating the Immigration, Treasury Department, in con- developed would bring their natural reward tion of a railway to Amoy, which was in- meaning of Commissioner, that he has no formity with Attorney-General's opinion, will in the future. With the advent of the hereaster be sollowed. Secretary of State Japanese that reward may be far to seek, cabled Consuls at Amoy and other places | unless strenuous efforts were made to retain similar instructions.-Edwards." With a and, if possible, increase the advantage Excellency Shum never actually showed the hoycott against American goods probably view of giving effect to the new ruling of the gained by being first in the field. As for Immigration Law, Collector McCoy has issu- the coast trade it has been none too floured Chinese immigration circular 185, cm- ishing for some time past, and the Japanese bodying the cable and calling the attention are not likely to lead to any marked improveof all collectors of customs in the islands to ment. Altogether, the position, is by no. the revoking of the instructions of April 4, means reassuring, although there is no rea-

> HONGKONG'S NEW TRADE KIVALS.

> > (15th February.)

For some considerable time it has been apparent to those who have given the sub- the development of Sabang as a coalingject attention that the Japanese steamship station and its progress, as the rival of companies were bent not merely on appro- Singapore, but there is reason to believe Now that the Duke and Duchess of Con- printing the carrying trade of the north but that it is gradually emerging from obscurity. meantime His Excellency Sir Matthew naught have gone, taking with them the also had designs on the commerce which A paragraph in a recent issue of the Ning-Nathan had arrived in Hongkong and with affection and esteem, which always attach to indiates from Hongkong. It was many apore Free Press gives the following informathe true spirit of the engineer he determined any of those related to the Royal Household, months after the war that Dalny was thrown toon and comment on the position: "The open to foreign traders, although the Japan- Italian cruiser Afarco Polo arrived on Tuesese steamship owners had free access to the day afternoon from Hongkong and she will port and the hinterland, and the result was leave this afternoon for home, her place on in spite of all difficulties. Still the authori- and pleasure of the Colony, they also were | that, practically speaking, nothing was left | the Far East station being taken by the for those who came afterwards. Then came | Vesuvio. It is somewhat significant and the amalgamation scheme, by, which the also an indication that Sabang is getting a fused to move in the matter, blandly offer- point, affording an opportunity of illustrat- most important companies agreed to combine formidable rival to Singapore that the with the declared object of ousting their Marco Polo will coal there on her way to rivals in the: Far. East generally. They had Colombo." It is certainly curious that a though the Agreement had been signed, the good-will and loyalty which is of most im- already made a beginning with the Yangtse warship should deliberately indicate its trade, but their operations had not extended | preference for Sabang, when she had to call coalesced in their resolution to defeat the gay scenery, it is a simple matter to make a as far as Hongkong, and there was, indeed, at the important port in the South, and it scheme, and that they managed to prevent Roman holiday, but there are deeper re- little reason to believe that their programme cannot be suggested that in patronising the its final adoption for so long is a tribute to sults to flow from the Royal visit. It contained any reference to the Hongkong Dutch port she could have been influenced their skill, ingenuity and influence at head- was recognised from the first that the and Canton trade. It was thought that by motives of self-interest, national con-Duke was on business intent. His with the schemes to inaugurate lines to the siderations or neighbourliness. The only there was any chicanery employed; the fact Royal Highness came out as an officer United States, South America, Australia rational view to take is that the commander. of the Crown charged with special duties and Europe either emerging from the of the Italian warship had received reports in the way of examining the defences of chrysalis stages or recovering from the concerning Sabang as a coaling station ment. H.E. Tang Shao-yi, the Senior the Colony. That the Duke managed, in disorganisation caused by the war the which induced him to give Singapore the question of entering into competition with | "go by." That speaks ill of the Settlement accurate idea of the capabilities of Hong. the local boats was still for the future to and is far from creditable either to the late decide. 'Assisted by their Government, Tanjong Pagar Dock Company or the however, largely through the benevolence of present Dock Board. Quoting again His Royal Highness realised the efficiency, linanciers on the London and ew York from our contemporary it appears that Exchanges and the Paris Bourse, the Japanese have been rendered able to come our ports in the Far East to influence capto the front once more with wonderful tains of trading steamers to make use of vulernable from the south. The late celerity. We read in a Japanese contem- Sabang as a coaling port. The inducements Captain Barnes-Lawrence viewed with porary that the scheme to incorporate the are, presumably, of a monetary character, Variation services of the four companies—the | and, therefore, of such a nature as the Tan-Nippon Yusen Kaisna; Osaka Shosen Jong Pagar Dock Board, now not a private Kajsha, Daito Kisen Kaisha and Hunan | company but a Colonial institution, cannot Steamship Company, has matured, and the possibly offer. Things being equal, Sabang final meeting of the representatives of the will score with skippers of a money-making four companies has probably already been turn of mind—there are a few such—for reheld at which all matters concerning the bates and commissions are arguments that amalgamation have been arranged. It is convince sea going persons of an acquisitive ing the Kowloon section at Sam-chun. The time he was firmly of opinion that the further stated that the capital of the new turn of mind. The per contra argument first great obstacle has been surmounted, southernapproaches to the harbour were quite company will be 12,000,000 yen, made up. that the Singapore Dock Board, to give it a and it should not be long before the rest of inadequate and even went so far as to say as follows:-100,000 yen, the capital of the generally intelligible name, must offer, are the difficulties are cleared away, and the that they were practically useless. Whether Dairo Kisen Kaisha, with 15 steam tug-boats | the lowest possible rates as to coaling, dockthe Duke realised this important fact is with an aggregate tonnage of 340, and 15 ing and repairs." In the opinion of the locked in his own breast. Of course, it may lighters with an aggregate tonnage of 676; writer, if Sabang can do things better than he said that His Royal Highness was able 750,000 yen, the paid-up capital of the Singaporethen the former deserves to succeed from the charts and documents placed be- Hunan Steamship Company with three As yet Sabang is a very puny rival, the total fore him to guage the value of each" fort, steamers, representing a total tonnage of number of ships that coaled there in 1000 and, equally of course, the Duke, from his; 3,370; 4,000,000 yen, representing six being 176, and in the first ten months of It is not astonishing to learn that last long experience, was in a position to appraise steamers on the Yangtse, and other property. List year 178, which may be styled progress year a record was established in the number, their utility, but a close personal examina- belonging to the Osaka Shosen Kaisha; of sorts, But the very fact that there is a about 3,000,000 yen representing two competitor at her gates should stir the Set apparent on the surface. The alliance with steamers and other property of the Nippon | tlement, or nather the Government, to re-Yusen Kaisha, the remaining 4,000,000 yen | newed effort in the way of improving the returns. The summary in the San Francisco | there be any less special effort on the part | to be subscribed publicly. When the new | dock and wharf accommodation, and adopt papers which have just come to hand is of Great Britain to consider in particular company is floated, four steamers of over ling the latest devices intended to facilitate 2,000 tons each will be built, and the services | rapid coaling and the prompt discharge of examination of the Commissioner-General's | the East, but it is not well that Hongkong | will be extended to Hongkong Canton, | cargo. Singapore is certainly not up-to-date report, but interest in this part of the world should be relegated to the limbo of the un- Tairen, and other North and South hind as regards the common machines which are ports. That is definite enough in all conscience | called into operation when quick work at the the exclusion of Chinese. It is not quite that Itis Royal Highness has carried away at and appears to have been inspired by some I docks is required, and seeing that so much clear whether of the total number of immi- full conception of what is required for the person in authority. There is no suggestion money is to be spent on the harbour is grants admitted 1,154 were. Chinese or maintenance of British prestige here and in that the shipping trust of Japan may do this might be well if the Dock Board considered or that; there is no use for the subjunctive | the advisability of modernising their methods in the formal statement appearing in the in every way possible, so that the port can Press; the scheme is already cut and fairly claim to be in a position to defeat the dried, formulated and, possibly, by this time, laims of Sabang, In this connection in course of being carried into effect. It appears that recently the Government had will be noted that Hongkong and Canton | been discussing the question of securing the It will be recalled that early last year an lare specifically mentioned as ports whose cancellation of the harbour contract entered exemption was made in the Chinese Exclu- trade will be cut into by the Japanese into with Sir John Jackson, Ltd. There was sion Act in favour of Chinese actors being whose appearance on the scene must be evidently some fear that the Settlement could admitted into the Philippine Islands and in regarded with grave consideration. In the ill afford the buge sum of £1.264.000 consequence several Chinese troupes were hirst place, the steamers of the four com- for harbour improvements, and the contract admitted into Manila from Hongkong. Now, panies are practically certain dividend- tors were asked whether they would agree vestigate the claims of Chinese decirous however, news is to hand that Chinese earners, for they start with an annual Govern- to cancel the contract in return-for a solutium of proceeding to the States should be actors must be classed with those who ment subsidy of 800,000 yen, the estimate of £25,000. A reply was received saying that withdrawn and that a new system should be are debarred from admittance into United for which is included in the Japanese Sir John Jackson declined to name a sum adopted. In the words of the San Fran. States territory. The information reaches Budget for the coming fiscal year. Already, for a simple cancellation of the contract cisco Chronicles "he recommends stationing | us through the columns of the Manila | the Japanese Government is paying sub- | The amount was thought inadequate, but officers to investigate and approve certificates | tableness of 7th inst., which says:- | sidies to the four companies, as an in- | Sir John Jackson stated that his firm would issued by the Chinese Government to the Yesterday Collector McCoy gave out a cable | ducequent to make a bold bid for the Yang- | accept £20,000 to cancel the contract, it received by Governor-General Smith from Itse trade, to the amount of 500,000 yen, but I they could reserve the right to go to arbitra General Edwards, which revokes the ruling it is not stated whether the new subsidy to | tion for the loss of profits if they did not States consular officers." A sly dig at the of Secretary Tast of April 4, 1906, regarding the joint concern is an addition or an obtain the Tanjong Pagar contract. The consuls is made by the Commissioner when the favoured admittance into the islands of simple increase. Even if it were only an telegram further stated that if it was considerhe says that greatly improved conditions re- Chinese actors. Since Secretary Taft's rul- increase of \$300,000 yen it is very substantial. ed that the contract must be cancelled, sulted from the President's orders of last ling the popularity of Manila as an amuse. Then, the vessels can be worked at a notice would have to be given and the Gospring to instruct consular officers as to their ment centre has been very great if the com- fraction of the cost involved on European vernment must contemplate a claim of duties concerning the certificates to which ling of three large Chinese theatrical troupes steamers, even in the case of tramps, be- £100,000. To this the Straits Government he has made reference. It is recommended from China is to be taken in account. Many cause wages are less as a rule and Japanese replied that sooner than accept the excessive that there should be a system whereby the people claimed that Taft's ruling in sailors do not demand the fare which a demands of the contractor or go to arbitra-Government might have a complete and permitting the entrance of Chinese actors thoughtful Board of Trade provides for the tion, they were prepared to face the necessity No information could be more satisfactory | detailed registration of all Chinese in into the islands when they could not British sailormen. There are other very for the strictest economy and proceed with to those who are interested in the subject of the United States. The object of such lenter the United States was in violation of real reasons why those connected with the the contract. The Governor of the Straits the construction of the railway which will a scheme is to impose a barrier against the rulings of the Treasury Department and shipping trade of Hongkong should give Settlements at a meeting of the Legislative councet Kowloon with Canton than that those Chinese who, it is alleged, em. the Attorney-General of the United States; close attention to the situation, otherwise Council expressed the belief that the which was received to-day, to the effect that ploy various methods to enter the coun- "That Taft's interpretation of the law they may be caught nodding when their Colony was quite capable of meeting the an Imperial Edict has been issued by the try in violation of the law, one of the chief is faulty," remarks our contemporary, "is competitors mrive on the scene." In any financial situation, and so the work will pro-Imperial Government at Peking sanctioning of these being that they profess to be do- evidenced by the cable from General event, it will be a stiff fight which the ceed accordingly. Looking from the outthe Agreement with the British and Chinese miciled merchants. Any Chinese labourer Edwards. The cable is as follows: "Wash- Japanese seem anxious to make with the side, we are inclined to feel that it was the Corporation for the Chinese section of the found in the United States a year after the ington, February, 4, 1907. Smith, Manila, view of wresting the trade of Hongkong and wisest course to begin operations as soon as Canton Kowloon Railway. Time and again registration act who has not a residence cer- Secretary of War, after full conference Canton from those who have built it up with possible once they have been decided upon? it was declared that the Imperial sanction tificate and is found to be unlawfully there with the President and the Secretary of so much industry, caution and concern. It It is absurd to have an immense underlakhad been obtained to the document in ques- should, the report says, be deported. The State, has become convinced there must is well known that the Canton and West ing of a public character hanging over; the tion, but the unreasoning opposition of certain | Commissioner also states that on the Mexi- be uniformity of construction of Chinese | River trade is far from being remunerative. | heads of residents, and it does not tend to gentry at Peking who, perhaps, had their can border Chinese coolies are constantly exclusion law with reference to admission of At each successive meeting of the principal increase the self-esteem of the Colony, burg Own ends to serve, delayed matters and being smuggled into America from Mexico. Chinese to the Philippine Islands and the company interested in the trade reference is dened as it would be with an old man of the at one time it seemed possible that the sub. Other recommendations are designed to admission of Chinese to the mainland of the made to the difficulties experienced in secur- sea who could not be shaken off. This is 14 A. Blake, in Ceylon. The Duke and both ject would be quietly shelved. It was a prevent the admission of Chinese minor United States, and therefore, previous rul- ing adequate and profitable returns, but it in the same in

son to be despondent, for the outcome will rest with those who are most determined to get and to keep the trade, and that should be the shipping community of Hongkong.

MNGAPORE AFFAIRS. Little has been heard of late regarding "steady endeavours are being made in vari-

well known fact that Viceroy Chow Fu's pre- | children; and attach severe penalties for | in of the Department with the lattention and | being done to popularise Sabang at the exdecessor was bitterly antagonistic to the permitting Chinese seamen to land. It is cse actors, printers, et cetetare is hereby energy given to the trade, the ability with pense of Singapore it is only right and proper that there should be no delays in the matter of public, and particularly harbour. improvements, even if it is necessary to borrow the money for the purpose.

PLAGUE IN BANGKOK.

(16th February.)

Rangkok as a rule enjoys.comparative im-

munity from plague, although it is usually more

or less afflicted at this season of the year by a visitation of cholera and other diseases caused by the lack of a domestic water supply. That the capital of Siam should have; escaped the trouble which in the hotisesson is common throughout the Far East has been matter of surprise to those who have anyknowledge of the insanitary conditions prevailing in Bangkok. This year, however, there has been a serious epidemic of plague and at the present time there is no evidence that it has been stamped out or that adequate repressive measures are being adopted to check the disease. The fact that the santtary arrangements of the city are of the most primitive description is not calculated to afford consolation to the ports which are in direct communication with Bangkok, and are therefore liable to import the disease. As a matter of fact, from latest accounts the epidemic is spreading into the interior where nothing or almost nothing can be done to stay, its ravages. It has been shown that the Siamese people have a fatalistic turn of of mind which leads them to view the increasing death-roll with a calmness. amounting to equanimity. When cholera is at its height in the dry season, the natives persist in drinking the brackish waters of the Menam, in direct opposition to the advice of those in authority. They are told what the results are likely to be, but whether it is due to ignorance or apathy they continue the practice and suffer accordingly. Cholera was an accepted fact which could not be denied, and they were far from attempting to deleat the ends of Providence. But plague is practically a new feature which appears to be exercising the natives. mainly on account of its novelty. The Bangkak Times in discussing the matter observes that:-"Plague follows a pretty well defined course when once it has established itself in any big town, and the prospect, not of sporadic cases, but of serious epidemics for some years in the future, is not a pleasant one. If that prospect is realised it will raise not a few difficult problems that the authorities will. have to be prepared to deal with. But we fancy a serious increase of plague cases means more than that. It means that the question of the sanitation of Bangkok will become one of practical politics. The essential sanitary rules will have to be enforced as in other towns under proper administration, and money will have to be found for the water supply and other necessary works. Only necessity perhaps could force the matter forward at present, but with plague in the country public health becomes a matter of the first importance. This has not been recognised yet, however, for even the elementary Act making registration of death compulsory is still on the stell." That is rather plain speaking on the part of a newspaper which bears a semi-officialstanding in Sigm, but it does not come too early. There is a country, which pretends tohe'in the forefront of civilisation, as the word is understood in the East, which does not employ the most elementary forms of sanitation, has no idea of inaugurating a water supply system and gives little or no thought to the eradication of endemic diseases. If the introduction of plague induces the authorities to give another thought to the essentials of health and the principles of hygiene it will not have proved an unmitigated evil. But is Hongkong glying attention to the outbreak in Bangkok ? There is a very considerable trade between that port and this Colony, a trade which will increase as the rice crop is milled, and unless steps are taken to preserve the community from a premature epidemic derived through the agency of travellers from Bangkok, the work of the past few years will have been in vain. It is not desirable that the precautions should be of such a nature as to conflict with actual trade requirements but they should certainly ensure the safety of the public of this Colony. In these circumstances, we trust that the Sanitary Depart. ment will take the matter in hand and so continue the work which has had the effect of greatly diminishing the death returns' due! to bubonic plague.

CONCERNING the staff of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught a home paper has this: - The Duke of Connaught, in his forthcoming Fustern tour. will take with him besides his A.D.C. Mr. Myles l'onsonby, an old comrade of his at Tel el Kebir, Major-Gen-ral Sir John Maxwell, KCB. ir John was a subaltern in the First Battalion of the Black Watch then, and was taking, as was the Duke, his first turn of warservice. He was to see plenty more, as A.D.C. to Grenfell at Giniss, where he got his D.S.O.: at Congola, where he got his brevet lieutcolonelcy; and at Omdurman, where he commanded the Second Egyptian Brigade. Then came - South Africa, where, he had the Fourteenth Brigade, and finished up as Military Governor of Pretoria. The Duke's A.D.C. Mr. Myles Ponsonby, is the second son of that who is now eighth Earl of Bessborough, and who married the youngest of the present Lord Wimborne's five sisters. Mr. Ponsonby whom is a licutenant in the Grenadier Guards, has already had an experience as A.D.C. with Sir

#### TELEGRAMS HONGKONG TELEGRAPH' SERVICE.

ROYALTY IN CANTON.

THE VOYAGE FROM HONGKONG.

SIGHT-SEEING IN THE CITY.

NO OFFICIAL RECEPTION.

[ Rrom Our Own Correspondent.] ::

Shameen, 9th February, 11.20 a.m.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia and the other members of the party accompanying the Royal visitors arrived at Canton at eight o'clock this morning by the stramship Honam (Capt. II. D. Jones).

The passage from Hongkong was uneventful

Prior to landing, the Royal party had breakfast on board the Honama plain, substantial meal. The monu was as follows:-

8.8, " HONAM," DREAKFAST. gih / chruary, 1907. 2.—Ham and Eggs. r.--Fried Fish. 3.-Grilled Beef Steak. 4.—Quail with Rice." 5.- Fried Lamb Chops. 7.-Cold Ham. 6. - Cold Roast Capon.

8.-Cold Roast Leg of Mutton. g.-Cold Corned Beel. 10.—Chicken Curry and Rice. 12.-Potatoes. 11.-Waffles. 14.—Coffee. 15 .- Fruits. 13.--Tea.

When it was announced that the half Honam had arrived, Mr. R. W. Mansfield, the British Consul-General at Canton, went on board and tendered his respects to the Royal

There was no official reception, in any shape or form. No salute was

The river steamers were decorated with bunting, but the river gunboats had no display whatever. The visit is regarded as absolutely unofficial, the party being solely bent on sight-

After breakfast, the Duke and Duchess and others, including the Consul General, landed at 9.30 a.m.; and proceeded to the city.

They were accompanied by an escort of Chinese guards which had been furnished by Viceroy Chow Fu.

 $ROYALTY\ SIGIIT-SEEING$ 

WELCOMED IN CANTON.

VICEROY'S HOSPITALITY DECLINED.

CHINESE SOLDIERS ESCORT THE VISITORS.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

Shameen, 9th February, 1.30 a.m.

The steamship Honam, with the Royal party on board, steamed into port at a quarter past eight o'clock. this morning, and anchored near the western extremity of the Shameen, opposite the German Consulate.

The weather was fine but overcast. At a quarter to nine o'clock the British Consul-General at Canton, Mr. R. W. Mansfield, proceeded, in the houseboat belonging to the Commissioner of Customs, on board the Honam.

Many Europeans, including practically every member of the British community on the Shameen, and Chinese officials assembled on the quay awaiting the landing of the Royal visitors.

The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia, the Consul-General and the entourage stepped on shore at 9 30 a.m. and immediately took chairs for the

They were escorted by a company of Chinese soldiers, under Colonel Lec-che, which the Viceroy had sent to accompany and guard the distinguished sight-seers round the city.

After visiting various pagodas and places of interest, the party proceeded to the British yamen in the city where lunch was served.

Later on the visitors continued their exploration of the show places of Canton.

At seven o'clock to-night the Duke and Duchess and Princess Patricia, together with those attending Their Royal Highnesses will be entertained by Consul-General Mansfield to a Chinese dinner, which will be given in a flower-boat.

The boat has been moored opposite the Shameen for that purpose. Chee Leong was specially engaged as guide to conduct the visitors

through the city. Viceroy Chow Fu sent an invitation to the Duke and Duchess and the appearance.

other members of the party to an entertainment at the Viceregal yamen but the offer was declined.

C. A. BIDDLE SENTENCED. ONE -YEAR'S-IMPRISONMENT.

NOTICE OF APPEAL GIVEN. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 11th February,

2.50 p.m. C. A. Biddle, ex-general manager and secretary of the lotel Metropole, Ld., who was found guilty of obtaining money under false pretences, was sentenced by his Honour

imprisonment. Notice of appeal against the deci-

sion has been given. Application by prisoner's Counsel

INTERPORT RUGBY.

for bail was refused.

SHANGHAI v. TIENTSIN.

SUBSTANTIAL WIN FOR HOME TEAM. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

> Shanghai, 15th February, 11,50 a.m.

. In the interport Rugby match, which was played between Shanghai and Tientsin yesterday, the former was the winner, securing one goal and three tries.

Tientsin did not score in either

Both teams dined afterwards at the Shanghai Club.

ALLEGED ABSCONDER

CHINESE COMPRADORE DISAPPEARS.

SARGE SUM OF MONEY MISSING.

[From Our Ozut Correspondent.] Shanghai, 15th February, 11.50 p.m.

It is alleged that the second compradore of the Russian bank has absconded with a large sum of money in his possession.

A DOUBTHUL CASE.

LUKONG'S-EXPERIENCE\_AT\_A\_TEA\_STALL

A case which has created some doubt in the minds of those who were present at the hearing was that in which at hinese detective, No. 247, charged Cheung King Mo, a fireman, of No. 75, Wellington Street, before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, at the Police Court, this morning, with stealing \$2 from him, this morning. Inspector Warnock watched the proceedings on behalf of the department.

At about seven o'clock this morning, the complainant said, he and another lukong, whose name or number he did not give, having finished duty and feeling very hungry went to a stall near the Central Market to have some cake and tea. While he was drinking his tea some person stepped on his feet, causing him to bend with pain. "What are you doing? Can't you see where you are going? Why don't you walk straight?" complainant said he asked the clumsy individual. He was about to put some more questions to the man when of a sudden another person rushed up to him, and snatching two \$1 bills out of his coat pocket, bolted down the road, the "clumsy individual" following, Instead of pursuing the thiel, complainant sprinted after his companion and arrested him, allowing the thief to escape. In answer to a number of questions put by the Court complainant said the \$2 was found on defendant's person when arrested, but that he did not see any money change hands.

Inspector Warnock, who was listening carefully to all that complainant was saying, applied for a remand as soon as he stepped from the witness stand. He said that when the defendant was arrested it was suggested that another man stole the money and handed it to accused. The latter was sent down to a shoe maker's shop, the inspector said, and a man who had been in accused's company that morning was brought to the station. This man denied that any theft had been committed, but stated that there was a row at the tea stall between the policemen and others. Inspector Warnock said that if that was the case an ailjournment was necessary in order that a searching inquiry should be made in reference to

His Worship fixed the next hearing unti-Monday next, releasing the accused on bai

> FIGHTING RINDERFEST. PREPARATION OF SERUM.

On the first of January, 1907, the anti-rinderpest serum laboratory, formerly in charge of the Bureau of Science, was transferred to the Bureau of Agriculture, says the Manila Times, Under the present arrangement the Bureau of Agriculture has charge of all work pertaining to the purchase and management of the herd and the preparation of the serum, up to the point of sterilization, testing and bottling. The Bureau of Science still maintains the technical manipulation of the serum and an arrangement has been perfected between the two bureaus by which all serum will be delivered to the Bureau of Science as soon as it has been poured from the blood clot. It will then be centrifugated to free it from all precipitates and impurities and filtered through a Pasteur filter to free it from all kinds of infections. This gives a beautiful, clear serum, which is absolutely sterile, and will probably keep inde-

finitely without cold storage. The serum is being manufactured now at a rapid rate, and it is expected that in the near future enough will be produced to inoculate ail cattle and carabaos in the islands where outbreaks of sinderpest now prevail. It is also expected to produce an additional supply to bestored away so that it can be drawn on in case of a large outbreak of the disease making its

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. ANNUAL MEETING

The ordinary half-yearly, meeting of pt sharchalders in the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporatio was held at the City Hall, at noon, to-day, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of accounts to 31st December, the chairly represent :- Mr. A. haupt (in the chairly Balloch, Hou. Mr. W. J. Gresson, Messrs. E. Goetz, C. R. Lenzmann, G. H. Medhurst, D. M. Nissim, A. J. Raymond, H. E. Tomkins, R. Shewan, N. A. Siebs (directors), J. R. . Smith (chief manager), Hancock, J. C. Peter, H. E. R. Hunter, C. W. May, Henry Humphreys, D. D. Guzdar, Ur. W. Noble, A. G. Morriss, J. Orange, E. Kadoorie, W. H. Wickham, Ily Fook, Cheung Shiu, Cheung Pui Kai, Ho Kom Tong, J. J. Leiria, W. H. Potts, J. M. S. Alves, Barton, R. R. Hynd, B. Layton, A. G. Wood, Capt. W. E. Clarke, Messrs. G. de Champeaux, Judge Wilfley to day to one year's Henry Goedecker, P. C. Potts, G. C. C. Master, A. Findlay Smith, A. C. Hynes, W. A. Cruickshank, H. Percy Smith, O. von der Heyde, Hon, Mr. E. A. Hewett, Messrs, F. B. Marshall, Dugcan Anderson, J. Barton, E. G. Barrettand others:

The Chief Manager having read the notice convening the meeting. The Chairman said :- Gentlemen,-Your Directors have again the pleasure to lay before you a half-yearly report which I am sure

you will consider satisfactory. We are glad to be able to recommend a Dividend of Lt. 15/- and a Bonus of LI per share in addition.

We also propose to add \$750,000, to the Silver Reserve Fund and to carry forward the balance of \$1,721,558.90. I hope you will approve of this distribution.

Turning to the accounts our figures show | counts. comparatively little change. With the further rise in exchange it will be observed that the | man and Gentlemen,-It is gratifying to us a l Silver equivalents of our Gold totals are again to receive again a dividend of £1.15 per share lower, but as these totals are taken into con- and a bonus of Lt and this, after strengthening side ation in the working of the Bink's com- the Bank's position by the addition of \$750,000 mitments in Gold and Silver, the shrink- to the reserve fund. You have referred, Mr. age in the Silver equivalents does not affect, | Chairman, to the difficulties Exchange Banks from a profit and Toss point of view, the value have had to contend with during the past six at which they stand in our books. Apart from | months; we can therefore congratulate ourthis there is very little change in either our Gold or Silver Deposits. Our Note Circulation | and staff have, notwithstanding, been able to is higher, as usual with the approach of the legive such good results and tell us that the pre-Chinese New Year settlement, and mills Payable also show an increase, to extent of \$16)

Cash and Bullion in hand and in Transit are

about \$11 lacs higher. changed in its Silver equivalents. Consols, million to fifteen million dollars and that Colonial and other securities are likewise the new scrip will be issued at the favourable affected by exchange: but also, show a small rate of \$30 per share. It must be just as welreduction compared with last half year. Our holdings under this heading are liable to vary | Bank upon which their welking so much defrom time to time and it was considered advis- | peeds, will be in a better position than ever to able to realize some of the stocks in view of give them proper and reasonable facilities for the condition of the home money markets to trading. Before concluding, I should like to which I shall refer later.

was formed with the object of holding pleasing duty to welcome Mr. Jackson now Sir-Li,000,000 in Gold as a set off against our Thos. Jackson, Bart, on his return to the Silver Capital of \$10,000,000 so that the Bank | Colony. He said on that occasion that Mr. might virtually have two Capitals, one in Silver. and one in Gold, and the Sterling Reserve with the investments held against it, entered at the nominal exchange of 2/- on both sides of our Balance Sheet; the entries will appear in our accounts in that form. I may mention the present market value of the securities representing the £1,000,000 is

Exchange Banking in China during the past six months has not been without its difficulties. Silver ranged in price from 29 13/16 to 33to and stood at 32.5/16 on 31st. December as against 30 3/16 on 30th June. Its course was marked by extreme and rapidly recurring fluctuations making for unstability in Exchange. A sharp and appreciable advance in the value of money in England and the Continent took place in October and was immediately followed by great stringency and high rates in India.. The Bank of England rate remained at 6% for the exceptionally long period of three months; on the 17th January, 1907, it was reduced to 5%; but this high level is still maintained and very dear money also pre-

vails in India. In China the reverse has been the case, money being exceptionally easy and plentiful, but business in this Colony suffered severely from the disastrous typhoon of the 18th September, which brought in its train a deplorable loss of life and caused great damage to vessels and cargo in the harbour and, for a time seriously inconvenienced and disorganized our shipping upon which the welfare of Hongkong

so largely depends. The course of Exchange directly affects our trade and the price of money in financial centres affects commercial transactions generaly. Locally, Chinese dealers, over-estimating the probable demand, contracted heavily during the year for Yarn on a low silver basis to find an already dull further depressed by lower prices in India and the rise in Exchange in China, with the result that many failed to meet their engagements and unsold stocks were largely increased. New Dealers are coming into the market and we may hope they will be more careful than their predecessors in discounting

the future of markets and Exchange. Shanghai and the North are also carrying heavy stocks of Yam and Piecegoods but bush ness there is principally done on a sterling basis and Dealers have fortunately not committed themselves to any great extent to low exchange settlements. Cotton has also helped them by continuing a steady market, and goods on the spot cannot be replaced at the equivalent of local prices. Buyers appear to recognise this fact, and we are now able to record a greatly improved movement cargo is already going more freely to Manchuria and there is good reason to expect that the opening of the ice-bound ports next month will see a more active demand, considerably will no doubt be reflected here to some extent and with the assistance of moderately good Rice crops, which we can at least hope for, early hours of this morning, on his usual patrol we should find better times ahead than we are leaving behind us.

As regards Japan, great activity has prevailed there since the close of the war resulting in a large increase in the volume of the trade both in exports and imports.

India, where we have important Branches, has produced abundant crops commanding record prices, especially so in the case of jute, and, in consequence, that Country has purposes in addition to the usual requirements of the Native Bazzar.

Gentlemen, we see a sound and satisfactory

from to your Board, will resume charge of our | Then Mrs. Pepper explained that her husband from appreciation of the part. Sergean Duffell Shanghai Branch at an early date. (Applause:) | was a motor-boat-owner, and used the houseboat | was in cool, matter-of-fact hands when repreananimously of repinion that shoutime to way treated them very well. On Tuesday the surance. With regard to the ladies, the employment\_will\_be found for increased ret the assistant, or second coxswain; in charge wronged or ther Mrs. Smith was remarkably able increase in oversea trade.

\$10,000,000 to \$15,000,000 and the necessary very properly refused to accede to so prepost specimen of the London housekeeper. Takenas steps have been taken to get our Ordinance | terous a demand, telling him that a month's | a whole, the acting was quite satisfactory, and amended to allow of the proposed increase. In | notice was necessary, and ordered the man to | "Facing the Music" went with a vim and rush due course a special circular will be sent to get back; to his quarters. The coxswain that kept the audience in the greatest good Shareholders and an Extraordinary Meeting then sprang at Mr. Pepper, and dug his humour, a perperual ripple of laughter passing will be called, when the resolutions necessary long nails into his face and neck, causing over the theatre. The play is by no means to obtain your sanction to the scheme will be the blood to flow. Mr. Pepper, to save the best that has been staged by the A.D.C., but put before you.

been built up with the consent of Shareholders, freely given. This fact has been borne in mind when recommending that the price of the newshares be fixed at £30 per share—a price which confers on Shareholders a substantial bonus addition to our Reserves.

These proposals will, we trust, meet with your the chopper," and then; screamed for help, approval, and I hope the increased resources | and it was those screams, that brought Conswill bring increasing influence and prosperity to the Pank.

In conclusion, I am glad to say that a good knocked the chopper out of his hand, and the start has been made for the new half year. Before moving the adoption of the Report and Accounts I shall be pleased to answer any question's that may be asked. (Applause.)

There being no questions, the Chairmanmoved the adoption of the report and ac-

Mr. Henry Humphreys said :-- Mr. Chairselves the more that our directors, managers sent half-year has begun well. (Applause.) Our thanks are due to them for this good work and I am sure we all approve of the bonus voted On the other side of the Balance Sheet our by the Board to the staff. (Applause.) It will be welcome news to shareholders to learn that the management has decided to Indian Government Rupee Paper is only increase the capital of the Bank from ten come to the Bank's clients to know that the say that we are all very pleased to see our With regard to the Sterling Reserve Fund, | Chief Manager, Mr. J. F. M. Smith, back again. remains unchanged. As you are aware it (Appliuse.) Many years ago it was my father's Jackson always brought sunshing with him. Well, gentlemen, the sunshine came right enough and I think we may reasonably hope that Mr. Smith's return will likewise be coincident with better trade conditions and con tinued prosperity to the Hongkong Bank. (Applante) Our friends in the North will. am sure, be pleased to hear that Mr. Hunter is returning amongst them, and I am equally sure we are all sorry to lose him, I have much plea sure in seconding the adoption of the report

and accounts. (Applause.) The motion was unanimously carried. :Mr. W. A. Cruickshank moved that the appointment of Mr. G. Ballock as a director be confirmed and that Mr. A. Haupt, Mr. R. Shewan and Mr. A. J. Raymond be re-elected

Mr. de Champeaux'seconded. The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. J. Orange proposed that Mr. W. mutton Potts and Mr. A., G. Wood be re-elected audi

Mr. W. H. Wickham seconded. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Chairman: That is all the business gentlemen. I must thank you for your attend ance. Dividend warrabts will be ready on Monday.

Mr. F. B. Marshall, of Amoy, said :- Mr. Chairman, before we separate I would like to propose a vote of thanks to the directors for the attention they have given to our affairs during the past twelve months, and, Sir, I think I am voicing the feelings of other shareholders when I say so long as the Board consists of tepresentative business men of the Colony such as I see sitting around your table we can rest assured our interests will be fully protected and the Bank will continue to maintain the position it now enjoys in the world of finance here in the Far East and elsewhere. (Applause, The meeting then ended.

MURDEROUS ASSAULT.

RESULT OF NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS.

There are more things going on in the harbour amongst the floating population than are dreamt of in the casual observer's philosophy, and yet many strange, and even weird tales are periodically brought to light, the last scenes in the dramas, or, more generally tragedies, being enacted at the Magistracy or in the Criminal Sessions Court. Murders gain, murders through jealousy, murders for no conceivable reason whatever-all have been chronicled in the columns of the local press, besides many minor offences, such as coal-stealing, fishing with dynamite, and dumping of dead bedies. But it is rarel one hears of Europeans being attacked, while in their launches, or house-boats. But the record was broken this morning, and the murder of a European very narrowly averted., The reducing stocks. Better trade in the North facts as adduced were to the effect that while P.C. Berrie was in the police pinnece at the typhoon anchorage at Causeway Bay, in the duty and keeping an eye open for dead bodies, which are so commonly dumped in that vicinity, he heard piteous cries for help, in a woman's voice-and unmistakably a British voice. Constable Berre immediately put his pinnace at full speed for the spot whence the cries proceeded, and found they came from the houseboat May, which was anchored in the Bay. Going on board the constable found Mr. and Mrs. Pepper, the owners been a very large buyer of Silver for currency of the houseboat, in a great state of excitement, while Mr. Pepper was bleeding from several wounds on his face. A Chinese meat expansion of our business at all points, which at once a tragedy was scented. The coxswain speaks, for the continued efficiency of our of the boat was seated right aft, and had all Managers and Staff generally and I am sure the appearance of taking no interest in the you will approve of our having again voted proceedings, to which he was blandly in-

As stated in the Report your irectors a good deal. They employed two coxswains sented by Dr. J. W. Hartley. It was the stage have carefully considered the desirability and paid them very high wages, though they detective to the life, the one, that is to say, who of sincreasing the Bank's Capital and are had but very little to do in return, and in every is brimming over with self-confidence and asdo so has now arrived. Since the Capital coxswain asked for three days' leave, to enable curate's wife was a most farcinating personality was last increased in 1890 our business him to celebrate the Chinese New Year in a as portrayed by Miss C. Shelton Hooper, whose has kept pace with the expansion of Eastern fitting and becoming manner, and this was at charm and grace could not be gainsaid. While trade, and we are satisfied that remunerative once accorded him, and he went off, leaving Mrs. Van der Wonde, who fancied herself the sources. Whatever political changes may be Last night he returned to the houseboat, in a free from stage affectation, and acted her role in store for China there can be little doubt that | condition verging on delirium tremens, and | with extreme 'ability. 'Miss' Marchant, as the ultimate outcome will be a wider field for | went into his own quarters. This morning he the actress from the bijou, had not very the operation of foreign capital and a consider- went up to Mr. Pepper and demanded his much to do, but she is certainly to be comwages in full up to date, as he intended to mended for her representation. Finally Miss "We propose to increase the capital from | leave at once. Mr. Pepper ve'y naturally and | Lloyd Thomas, as Mrs. Ponting, was a capital his face from the poisonous nails of his assail- its humour and joviality, its rough and tumble Our large but necessary, Reserve Funds have ant, struck out an I hit the latter in the abdo- fun were appreciated in the most obvious men, and they both fell together on to the deck, i-fashion and it should certainly prove a draw. table Berrie on the scene. Hearing his wife's cry, Mr. Pepper overpowered the coxswain and latter, evidently noticing "the approach of the police pinnace, bolted aft and sat down, and made it appear that he was taking no part in the disturbance; forward. He was arrested, as already stated. This morning he was placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, at the Magistracy, and was bound over in the sum of \$2.50 to be of good behaviour for twelve months. It is alleged that, since Mr. Pepper introduced his motor-boat for service in the harbour, there has been considerable ill-feeling excited amongst the sampanfolk against him, as they consider that he is cutting into their business, and on this account it is further alleged, they have been instigating the coxswain to set fire to the houseboat. May, What truth there is in these allegations canno as yet be determined, though the want o motive in the coxswain's brutal attack would appear to lend a certain amount of colour to them. However that may be, the matter is under investigation in the right quarters.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

"FACING THE MUSIC" A BUCCESS. Although it could scarcely be said that the Theatre Royal was crowded last night, when the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club presented the comedy "Facing the Music" for the first time, it was comfortably filled with highly appreciative audience, which included His Excellency Sir Matthew Nathan and a large representation of the Army and Navy it Hongkong. It is somewhat difficult to classify "Facing the Music," which is the creation of Mr J. H. Darnley, for it, depends much more on the riotousness of the players—or the chie player, at least-than on its intrinsic merits t belongs to that class of exaggerated and elaborated farce which was at the height of its popularity a decade or more ago, and has lately gained new vitality by the success of American productions of the "Why Smith left

"Facing the Music" obtains --- ite-fun from the coincidence that there are two John Saiths residing in different flats in Mona Mansions. One is a parson, a canting, old humbug who has just lately been married. The Other is also a married man, but taking advantage of his wife's absence he has been having a royal time "on his own." Out all night, he arrives in a dilapidated condition before breakfast-Io a.m. to be accurate-and doubtless, quite correctly describes the symp toms of an over-night's debauch to his guest Dick Desmond:

While he was in Leicester Square the previnus evening he had an adventure of sorts, a lady having fallen fainting into his arms, Here we have a variety of innuendoes which probably will pass unnoticed by those wh know nothing of the locality in question. The lady disappears, and so does his watch and

chain and a pocket-book containing £200, won on the turf. It might be interpolated here that a very amusing scene occurs at the outset when the curate of St. Andrews, the Rev. John Smith, splemuly warns the housekeeper, Mrs. Ponting, to abjure horse-racing and to "have nothing on" when the milkman calls next time and would lead her astray by inducing her to back her fancy.

During the night when the Other John Smith slept our, having lost his way in a fog, a lady describing herself as Mrs. Smith has arrived and is located in his wife's bedroom. The lady who had fallen fainting in the Other's arms in Leicester quare comes to make her apologies and hands over the pocket-book which mysteriously disappeared the previous night-she is an actress from the Bijou. By and by, the real Mrs. Smith appears, that is to say, the wife of the Other One, and it is evident that the first Mrs. Smith is the wife of the curate who, like most of his kind, is far more fortunate in matrimony than he deserves to be.

Any theatre-gner can tell what happens as the result of this mix-up. Of course all end happily and explanations are the order of the day. One defect of the comedy is the ridiculous coric tragedy when the Other Mr. Smith goes mad over his household complications. The ecene might be all very well in " King Leav,"

but it is absurd and puerile in "Facing the In a play like this the great thing is to keep matters humming. Feaple are not given time to consider probabilities or extraordinary coincidences; they are rushed from one scene to another, immerced in blunders and complications till they hardly know where they are. The players are, consequently, continually on the move. The virility of Lt. Comm. Thomas who took the part of the Other Mr. between it and the other Japanese concerns. Smith admirably suited him for the role. dashed from one place to another, flung his and Rangoon, sugar from Java, phosphatic guest hither and thither, threatened a detective rock from the Pacific Islands, etc., are all at with a poker and nearly brained the dainty wife | present imported to Japan by foreign steamers. of the curate, and showed that he had a fine stock of explotives. On the whole, he sustained with vigour and much ability the character of | while the competition -with ... the existing the distracted husband, who is, apparently, being made the target of designing women. Mr. A. W. G. Watt represented the Curate of Bu Andrews, the Rev. John Smith. In the conventional way Mr. Walt made the curate stand with his finger-tips together and intone his remarks. He onzed good advice and homilies, at every pore. Although he had little to do, taken all in employed on the foreign vessels, and also on all, he shone when he had to do a steeple-chase chopper was lying at his feet on the deck, and | round the room followed by the Other Mr. Smith, who believed him to be an international | that may be incurred. Whother all their criminal known as Saintly Sam. Hisflying coat- anticipations, will-be: realised : remains to be tails were extremely picturesque. As Dick seen. Desmond, the guest of the bacchapalian Mr. them a bonus of 14% on their salaries. different. When their excitement calmed down, Smith, Mr. T. C. Lethbridge was continually in and Mr. and Mrs. Pepper were able to tell view, but his principal requirement was to Our esteemed Chief Manager, Mr. J. R. M. their story to the constable, the following tale laugh at his host's escapades and predicaments Smith, returned from a well-deserved holiday | was unfolded. Mrs Pepper first of all asked | and bear the blame of his entanglements, Mr. a few weeks ago and Mr. H. E. R. Hunter, the policeman to arrest the coxswain, and this Lethbridge was quite at home in his part. The whose management at the Head Office during | was accordingly done, the man being ordered | haughty: uncle; Colonel Duncan Smith, was Mr. Smith's absence has given every satisfac. | aboard the pinnace, where he was secured, impersonated by Mr. 1:H; EMUKendell with a the lumates of the latter; are missing.

As it happened a chopper was lying near at | Praise is due Messrs. R. Sutherland and hand, and this the coxswain got hold of, and John Robertson, for their work in connection was proceeding, so it was alleged, to cut with the production of the play, the former the neck of his prestrate master, when also being responsible for the scenery. The and at the same time allows for an appreciable Mrs. Pepper, seeing the position of affairs, band of H.M.S. Monmonth discoursed music called out "Take care, he has got hold of during the intervals, which, it may be stated; were very short."

> THE JAPAN BSB SHIPPING - COMBINE.

Among the numberless fresh undertakings springing up in all parts of the country, writes the Japan Chronicle editorially, none is of more general interest and importance than the Nippon Kisen Kaisha, the long talked-of steamship combine, preliminary arrangements for the formation of which are said to be now almost complete. The general public of Japan appears to be showing great interest in the company and its prospects; but although the combine will be a large concern with a capital of Y20,000,000 it will not be necessary to place large number of shares on the market for subscription. The reason for this is that one half of the capital is to be subscribed by the ship-owners who join in the company, while the greater part of the remaining Yto,000,000 will be taken up by the promoters, supporters, and tothers who tare concerned in the scheme. As evidencing the public: interest in the undertaking, it is of interest to note that already applications in advance for 300,000 shares have been received from persons in all stations of life and not directly interested in the shipping industry. The enterprise being more or less of a national character, it is stated to be the desire of the promoters that as many shares as possible should be distributed amongst the outside The favourable reception at the hands of

the Japanese public of the new company at a time when shipping circles generally are experiencing inactivity appears somewhat strange at first sight, but there are reasons for it, "In the first place there are circumstances in connection with the present scheme which render the company, though a new one by aname. hardly such in fact, because it is the amalgamation of the business of various established shipping concerns. Unlike many of the new undertakings which depend entirely upon future prospects, the : ippon Kisen Kaisha will be in a position to carry on business immediately on the completion. of the formal pratiminaries connected with the flotation; so "that shareholders" may expect ? to receive a proper dividend of profit from the outset. As Mr. Nishikawa, one of the promoters of the new company, remarked in discussing their prospects the other day, if a shipping company could forniulate a plan by which a reasonable profit could be practically guaranteed within a short space of time at a juncture when general depression is provailing throughout the trade, its foundation must of necessity be said to be placed on a solid basis. If, for instance, the new company could estimate with any degree of certainty, a dividend of 6 per cent, at a time when one of the hitherto leading companies is paying no dividend at all, the new venture could be looked to for a 16 per cent, dividend while the other would be only paying to per cent.

It would certainly seem from a cursory view of the prospects that there should be a good future for the Nippon Kisen Kaisha, but it is inadvisable to regard it too optimistically. The keen competition that is sure to follow between the new and the older companies, together with the foreign vessels, has to be considered: and there are many shippers who would be disposed to support those undertakings with which they are acquainted and which have stood the test of experience. In this connection it is worthy of note that in the China constal trade the combine will have a formidable rival in the Nisshin Kisen Kaishar particulars of the formation of which appear in another column to-day. It is pointed out, however, that the business of the Nippon Kisen Kaisha will be carried on on a different plan- to that adopted by the other companies; for whereas they, generally speaker. iog, principally engage i sale passenger service, it is intended by the combine to make: the cargo-carrying trade its, chief, business...

At present id connection with the local as well as the foreign services of the principal-!Japanese steamship companies calls are only made at the most important ports, just as the express trains stop at certain stations only and pass through many of the smaller places." .. It is believed by the promoters of the new steamchip onnearn that a large welumeref thurisass can be created by the steamers calling at small ports at present almost entirely neglected-by Ithe existing companies.

That one of the aims of the new undertaking is to compete severely with some of the foreign steamers trading in Far Eastern waters, possibly ousting them out, there can be little doubt, and the competition between the Nippon Kisen Kaisha and the foreign shipping companies is sure to be even keener than that The promoters point out that rice from Siam and it is such trade that the Nippon Kisen Kaisha seeks to develop and promote. So that Japanese lines is likely to be keen, the foreign shipping industry in the Far East-already hard hit by Japanese-enterprise-is likely to receive a further blow by the formation of the Nippon Kisen Kaisha. The promoters anticipate succession, this direction by reason of more economical working ... than ... can , be account of the anticipated Government bounty -by which they hope to make good any losses

> A serious fire broke out on the 9th inst. at Kofu (Tokaido). The fire originated in the ilcensed quarter of the city, but famued by a strong north-west wind spread rapidly. Two hundred and fifty houses were consumed in addition to sixty licensed premises in FALY OF

OUR ROYAL VISITORS.

WEARY WAITING AT BLAKE PIER.

OFF TO CANTON.

oth February.

A chill wind blew from the ice-clad fields of the north last night as crowds made their way to the Praya to bid what must be considered practically farewell to the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia. The sky was overcast and rain threatened every moment. Still people lived in hope of witnessing a regular water carnival, in which the native craft would outdo themselves. And while the 'coolies stood up and shivered along the water front in the vicinity of Blake Pier, the more aristocratic wandered to seats in the grandstands, and remained there with their teeth rattling a fandango. Others walked along the Praya on the outlook for the unrehearsed incidents which invariably occur on such occasions; and they did not got away unrewarded.

As the Harbour-master had issued a circular for the benefit of the junk-masters and sampan coolies stating that Hongkong expected avery one-to do his duty, and illuminate his craft from 9.45 till II p.m., it was expected that the Royal party would embark about 10 o'clock. Time passed but there was no sign of the travellers. The Honam lay along the end of Blake Pier, the lower promenade of the vessel being hung with Chinese lanterns. Now and again a spark of rain, spluttered down. A spasmodic cracker, went off with a feeble half-hearted crack. Past Blake Pier there was nothing but gloom and darkness. The wharves were descrited and wind-swept. All the Canton night boats had already left on their usual One little launch with about five lanterns and ten cents' worth of crackers which were popped singly, to signify the economical e instincts of the master, vainly tried to attract attention. Looking towards the hills there was nothing to be seen, but dense overhanging clouds; a murky, miserable night, promising great things for the weak and rheumatic. With the solitary exception of the premises occupied by Wing Kee & Co., the naval contractors, there was no attempt at Illumination. There a big screen bore the device: "T. R. H. Au Revoir," and in front of the building a bunch of coolies waited, Oriental Micawbers all, for something to turn up. Huddled in rags and alleged blankets, groups of Indian watchmen and stevedore coolies restlessly woold sleep.

About ten o'clock two or four guns were fired, asif by accident, pour passer le temps as,it were. The crowd cheered up a little; those in the boxes gathered their wraps a trifle closer and confidentially told each other: "Now they're coming." It was a false alarm. Once again they hid behind the back of the broadest individual in front of them and wondered and kept on shivering. The Indian policemen, who guarded the road at twenty feet intervals, stamped their feet and thought of home and · beauty. A misguided sampan man ignited five crackers at once mistake, and promptly smote his youngest but one. Somebody declared that the procession was in sight at last Nothing doing.

Things began to get monotonous and would have got more so, had not Wing Kee & Co., with great presence of mind, inaugurated a pyrotechnic display for the benefit of all and sundry-mostly sundry. There were several large rockets' and as nobody knew exactly where they would fall the excitement became intense. One would whize five yards in the Kowloon direction, then turn a comercant and land in the thickest of the awe-struck coolies. It was highly diverting and worth the entrance money. Another would spring sky high and return with a thud on the ground before the explosion took place. Two coolies were keeping themselves warm by abusing each other. An immense rod and rocket fell between them and gave them the time of their lives. Dodging the rocket proved a lively game, but it was distress. ing to hear embryo incendiaries expressing the hope that one would alight on the Post Office matsheds and heat the atmosphere.

About this time a variety of people discovered that they had very important business, which they had nearly forgotten, place not five minutes away from Blake Pier. The scramble was infectious: it 'was' simply lamentable to learn that 'so many absent-minded beggars existed in Hongkong. Certainly they returned within the allotted time, but that was no reason why they should have looked so happy and almost jovial. The others who had remained at their post were simply disgusted at the unseemly exhiliration of the backsliders.

Somewhere in the region of a quarter to eleven o'clock-some people had been there since 9.30—a searchlight sprang into life. It was followed by a dozen more from the menof war in the harbour, and this was hailed as a good omen. The threads of light wove quaint patterns in the clouds, and anon illuminated the pallid faces of the crowd on the Praya. The operators were humorists, for they whirled the machine hither and thither with apparent abandon, but always managed to dazzle the eyes of the spectators at the most unexpected moment.

Some red-coated coolies with luggage, the Royal party's, appeared on the Pier and were wildly cheered, which they accepted as a modest tribute to their worth. Long pause Crackers continued to crack sporadically, and occasionally a rocket would discharge a shower of stars in the air. The lights on the mosquito flotilla ranged symmetrically along the harbour, about a hundred feet from the wharf, twinkled like wills-o'-the wisp,

-At last, there was a real cheer and it was discovered that the Rayal excursionists were approaching. It was just eleven o'clock. The Duke and Duchess and Princess Patricia walked from their chairs to the Honam, the others following, Sir Paul Chater and Mr. T. F. Hough accompanied the visitors to the gangway and waited till the Honam moved off, which was the work of a few seconds. Thenwhere there had been stillness and peace, the harbour suddenly became alive with light and | the party proceeded to the Eight Districts' Assoclamour. Flares arose from every vessel, ciation Hall. The Royal visitors entered the ferociously, the search lights played a de- shopping at Tai Sun street, where they purlirious phantasy on the clouds, and Chinese | chased a large quantity of ivory ware, jadecrackers, bombs and shells snorted and spluttered by the hundred. Wing Kee & Co. outshone themselves with great strings of fireworks, which hung down the whole length of their building and exploded with terrific bangs. A jaunty little launch, evidently in official hands, hooted and shouted in the most grand-motherly tones, as if to say: "Now. and don't break your neck adoin' of it." Some sampan man fired off a portion of the crackers with which they had been supplied and philosphically decided to keep the rest for Chinese New Year's Day. In a few minutes it was all over the Chinese lanterns on the Honam were extinguished and the Royal party

Two policemen raced to the Fire Station and I was served in honour of the Royal visitors on

had gone.

went away disappointed. No sign of the was very fair. Brigade to be seen and, like Pepys, "so to

THE SEND-OFF.

It is proposed to send out decorated steam launches, as an escort, while the s.s. Delta, with the Royal party on board, proceeds down the harbour, to-morrow. If a sufficient number turn up, they will be formed into two lines, from about amidships of the Delta, and will steam with her in line. Upon reaching Green Island the launches will stop, execute a turn, and at a given signal will give prolonged blasts on their whistles, those on board cheering the while, until the Delta is well away, when the launches will return to their ordinary moor ings in the harbour. Thus will end the long expected visit of the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and the Princess Patricia, who carry away with them the best wishes of all for a safe voyage home.

THE VISIT TO SINGAPORE.

"A MULTIPLICITY OF ADDRESSES.

In Singapore, the welcome to the Royal visitors was equally as enthusiastic as it was in Hongkong. Perhaps the Southern Settlement lends itself more readily to decorative effects than Hongkong, for the account of the embellishments, which included a triumphal arch. are extremely interesting," as related by the Singapore Free Press. On landing, the Ducal party proceeded to the Memorial Hall where His Royal Highness received addresses from the Municipality, the Chamber of Commerce. the Mohammedans, the Chinese and the Indians. The Duke, in practically every case, took the opportunity of referring to the commercial prosperity of the Settlement. We call from our contemporary a few extracts taken from the replies given by His Royal Highness to the addresses.

MUNICIPAL ENTERPRISE.

In the course of his reply to the welcome from the Municipal Commission the Duke said: "It is a great pleasure to us to again visit your shores, and to notice the great and steady improvements in your harbour accommodation and docks, and I am informed, and congratulate you thereon, on the still greater improvements which you are contemplating. It is always a satisfaction to note that municipal authorities march with the times and while studying economy fearlessly undertake what is necessary for the well-being of the community , in whose interests they act."

PROSPERITY OF THE SETTLEMENT. Acknowledging the address from the 'Chamber of Commerce, His Royal Highness remarked: For my own part, I. may assure you what made the wind so bleak. The coolies | it is a great pleasure to renew my acquaintance with the Straits Settlements and to congratulate you on your commercial prosperity. It is very gratifying to hear of the progress of the tit industry, and that this metal commands a good price, and a steady market. His Majesty the King Emperor, who takes the greatest interest in his Far Eastern dominions, will be greatly pleased when I inform him of the continued prosperity of this Settlement, and I may express his wishland my own that this satisfactory state of affairs may long continue." THE CHINESE COMMENDED.

> The Duke was especially complimentary in. replying to the address from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, remarking:-" It is a great satisfaction to me to receive at your hands the loyal address you have just hadded to me as the representatives of the Chinese. His Majesty the King Emperor of the British nation will be pleased to hear from the large and important community you represent, that you so fully appreciate the impartiality of the Government and the justice of English laws. It is a peculiar pleasure to me to see for myself how contented you are and how rich you become under the British flag. I hear everywhere, and indeed I have always known, what an industrious, lawabiding community you are, and I am glad to know also your efforts meet with such success and how you have your full share of the continued prosperity of the commercial enterprises of this Settlement. It will be a great satisfaction to the King Emperor to hear of this prosperity and content, and the loyal expression contained in the address I now have much pleasure in accepting."

RECEPTION AND DEPARTURE. The other addresses received similar ap-

The Duchess of Connaught thereafter set in motion the clock and chimes which had been presented to the Victoria Memorial Hall by the Straits Trading Company, at a cost of \$10,000. The school children presented bouquets to the Duchess and Princess Patricia and there was a reception of Malay Sultans. A luncheon followed and in the afternoon the Royal party returned to the Delhi, which left for Hongkong on the 2nd inst.

> ROYALTY AT CANTON. [From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 9th Feb., 10.30 p.m. T.R.H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught, Princess Patricia and party arrived here at eight o'clock this morning on the specially chartered steamer Honom. The party landed on the Shameen a little past nine o'clack and proceeded to the British Consulate, where they were received by the Consul General. Chairs having been procured and the Consul having placed his chair at H. R. Highness's disposal, the party made a start for the city at half-past nine. Il.E. the Viceroy sent . Me. Li Chi, Wai-ynen of Foreign Affairs and body of Chinese foreign drilled troops, as a bodyguard, to accompany the royal party on their visit of sight-seeing. Capt. Lum was in charge of another body of soldiers, which accompanied the royal visitors. The British Consul General also accompanied the party. The first place visited was the Wah Lum monastery, where they in spected the temple of the five hundred genii and other sights in the western suburb. Ther rockets circled in the air and exploded city by the Tai Ping gate and T. . H. did some stone ware and curios. Then the party proceeded to the British Consul's yamen, inside the city, attached to the Tartar General's vamen, where they were entertained at tiffin by the Consul. Afterwards a photograph was taken of the party; in the court yard of the yamen. After tiffin, start was made in the direction of the Northern Gate then, get out of the gentleman's way, Upon arrival at the Gate, the party ascended the City wall and H. R. H. saw several cannon of ancient type, which were placed there for defence purposes, long ago. After this the party went to visit the five storied Pagoda on the Kuan Yin hill. The party left the city by the Western Gate at about half past three o'clock and proceeded again to the Western suburb, and paid a visit to the private garden of Chung Sik A policeman saw some smoke issuing from | Wong, a Chinese Hanlin. About half past four a building in course of construction near the o'clock in the afternoon the party arrived at Praya and frantically blew his whistle. A Sai Hing Street, where T.R.H. did some more coolie, who also had a whistle, aided him with shopping, and bought sundry silk embroideries another blast and was immediately arrested on | and piece goods. Finally, the party returned a charge of stealing a police whistle. He to the British Consulate on the Shameen at proved his innocence and was allowed to go. about half-past five. In the evening a dinner made.

a detective climbed a licketty stair to have a I flower boats moored near the Shameen Bund. look at the fire. . I there ever was a fire it had The party did not leave Canton until ten o'clock gone out, so everybody except the contractor at night. The weather throughout the day

11th February.

CLOSING SCENES. The Royal visit has ended. Their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess and Princess Patricia of Connaught have come, and seen and gone again, and Hongkong has been left to settle back into the even tenour of its way-u, til the next excitement comes along to stir us out of it. The entire party had a husy time, for, while H.R.H. the Duke, accompanied by his suite, inspected the troops in garrison, T.R.H. the Duchess and Princess, accompanied by Captain Coleman, A.D.C., and Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby, Private Secretary to His Excellency the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., inspected the shops of the Colony, and now they are having a period of rest preparatory to a renewal of their labours, on arrival in Singapore.

ner-party on board the flower-boat, the Royal for the return trip to Hongkong, at 10.30 p.m. on Saturday night, when that vessel immethe river. She did not get very far down before Captain H. D. Jones, in command, observed a heavy fog-bank a short distance ahead, which is not unusual at this time of the year. and as there was nothing else for it, he at once decided to anchor, and wait till the for lifted. This decision was carried into effect without delay, the Honam being thus held cautiously, thus only arriving in Hongkong at facilities to shippers and the travelling public 12,30 pm. instead of 8 a.m., as was expected to lare working very well, being more economical be the case. From 9 a.m. crowds began to in coal consumption than the one steamer bregather once more at Blake Pier, including | viously engaged on the line. The earnings of members of the Reception Committee, and the Carton-Wuchow line have fallen off greatly Chinese sub-committee, but shortly after toa.m., during the period under review, the cause of there being no sign of the Honam approach. which, in the opinion of your directors, is ing, the crowd, gradually me'ted away, being largely due to, piracy and eneral want o unpleasant drizzle which then to began fall. At noon, however, on the Honom being sign- si. alled, as approaching the harbour, the upon the Praya, with Blake Pier as their objective. Slowly and majestically the Honom proceeded through the harbour, flying the Union lack at the fore, and proceeded to her temporary berth at Blake Pier, alongside of which she moored at five minutes past one p.m., Their Royal Highnesses at once disembarking. On the Pier to welcome the Royal party on their return, from Canton, and to speed them on their departure, were Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Chairman, Reception Commirtee, Lieut, C. Wm. Beckwith, R.N. (Harbour Master), The Hon. Mr. W. Chatham (Director of Public Works), Mr. D. R. Law, Mr. H. W. Lopker, Mr. G. H. Medhurst, Mr. R. Shewan, Mr. H. E. Tomkins and Mr. T. F. Hough, hon, secretary, besides representatives of the Chinese Committee, The Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, Mr. Ho Fook, Mr. Ho Kom Tong, Mr. She Po Sham, Mr. Poon Yan Chuen, and Mr. U Hoi Chow.

Pier, were approached by the above gentlemen, with whom they shook hands, the latter wishing them God-speed, and a safe voyage, while the Royal Standard was unfurled and set floating to such breeze as there was, and which, while chilly, was very fitful-in marked contrast with the grand weather experienced on the date of the Royal arrival. After a few minutes' conversation with the military officers present, and the members of the Committees the Royal visitors, embarked on the launch Victoria, and were just about to proceed across the harbour to the P. and O. s.s. Delta, on which they make the first portion of the return voyage. when His Excellency the Governor, Sir Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G., accompanied by Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby, came down the Pier, and, joining the Royal Party on the Victoria, proceeded with them to the s.s. Delt.s. As the Victoria cast off and proceeded, Mr. T. F. Hough called for three cheers for the departing Royal Visitors which were given with right good will by those assembled in the vicinity. No time was lost after the Royal Party got on board the ss. Delta, which cast off her moorings shortly after 130 p.m. and started on her Westward run, being followed by 16 gaily dressed launches, ranged up in two lines, which accompanied the vessel as an escort as far as Junk Bay, the Delta, to the surprise of all, electing to proceed by Lycemoon Pass. Before dropping astern and allowing the Delta to proceed quietly on her way the launches tooted their final salutes in long blasts on their steam whistles, while the French cruiser Alger alone, fired a salute, as the Delta passed into the misty distance, the launches which had formed her temporary escort returned to their usual berths in the harbour.

Incidentally, in connection with the Royal rip to Canton, we learn that Their Royal Highnesses, the Luke and Duchess, and Princess Patricia, expressed their entire satisfaction with all the arrangements carried out by the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Ld., for their comfort on this trip, under the experienced and able supervision of Captain W. F. Clarke, secretary to the Company, who himself accompanied the s.s. Honam to Canton and back, to see that all went well, and Captain H. D. Jones, the commander of the vessel. His Royal High ness the Duke mentioned that, to mark their pleasure, on his return to England he wil forward a special souvenir to Captain H. D lones, master of the s.s. Honam, as a memento of the pleasant trip to and from Canton. There can be no doubt that when it was finally arranged that the Poyal viritors would go to Canton, there could have been no better selection for the Royal trip than the Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's Honam, which admirably adapts itself to transformation for occasions of this sort, owing to the excellence of the internal arrangements, and the saloon accommodation generally.

SHANGHAI'S DISAPPOINTMENT.

Voicing what would have been the unanimous wish of the British Community at Shanghai, had it been put before them, the local Committee of the China Association recently sent a, telegram to H. E. Sir Matthew Nathan Governor of Hongkong, asking his good offices in an endeavour to induce T. R. H. the Duke and Duchess of Connaught and Princess Patricia to visit Shaughai. The invitation was forwarded to the Royal party at Singapore and on the 6th institute Chairman of the China Association received the following telegram from the Duke's A. D. C., Major-General Sir John Maxwell ;-

Hongkong, February 6. His Royal Highness thanks you for invitation to visit Shanghai. Regrets that impossible accept owing to arrangements already

Sir JOHN MAXWELL

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO | ferred might be abused by subordinate officers. STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The eighty-first ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ld., was held at the office of the Company, Hotel Mansions, at 12 o'clock, noon, on the 12th init. There were present :- Messra. E. Goetz (Chairman), N. A Siebs, A. Haupt, F. A. Gomes, C. Lenzmann

C. Thiel, W. A. Cruickshank, Shewan (Directors); Captain W. E. Clarke, (Secretary); Messrs, A. H. M. da Silva, P., C. Potts, F. Ellis, E. J. Moses, G. de Champeaux, Dr. . W. Noble and others. The ecretary having read the notice con-

vening the meeting, The Chairman said:-Gentlemen,-Since last meeting it is the painful duty of your Board to record the death of our late Secretary, Mr. Thomas Arnold, who died very sud-The main features of the trip of the Royal | denly on the 20th October last, Your directors visitors to Canton have already been fully re- regret that the holiday so, well deserved after ported in these columns on Saturday evening, such a long term of service in the Company by telegram from our special correspondent | should have been thus quickly ended. I h in the Southern capital. After the din- report and accounts having been in your hands for some days, we will; with your permission, visitors proceeded on board the s.s. Honam, | take them as read. Turning to the report we refer to the disastrous effects of the typhoon of 16th September in the total disablement of so diately got under way, and proceeded down many of the best vessels of the fleet which caused your directors much concern and anxiety. However, it is now our pleasant duty to say that all the Company's vessels are again in first class running order. The expense, as you will see by a perusal of the accounts, has been very great, and in the forthcoming halfyear we have to face the cost of repairs and alterations to the steamer Hanneshan. Beyond in a sale position, while the tog horns I this nothing exceptional need be noted at pregave out their warning signals periodically. sent. The Working Agreement between the The Honam remained at anchor for six hours, | China Navigation Company, Limited, and this until the fog lifted sufficiently to permit of her | Company was arranged at the close of the year proceeding on her way with any degree of when the old agreement expired, and carries safety. This it eventually did, and then it with it many advantages to the general comwas "up anchor, and away." However, owing | bine. The two new vessels purchased for the to the log which still hung rather heavily, the | Macau Service by which we hope to obtain a vessel was obliged to proceed very slowly and | fairer share of the trade besides offering better

somewhat hastened in their movements by an | security of life and property in the two Provinces of Kwangtung and Kwang-The claim of the Company and the oint Owners for consequential loss against eager sight-seers once again concentrated the Chinese Government for the acts of piracy committed on board the steamer Sainam in july of last year have, we regret to say, been rejected by the British Foreign Office. The claims for actual loss and for those of officers: and crew are still unsettled. Further representations have been made with a view of reaching a final issue. Turning to the accounts. you will notice that, as is usual, we have adjusted the value of share investments held by the Company in accordance with the quotations current at the end of the year. The large item of sundry debtors is explained by the fact that the amount of \$35,673.49 is for insurance premia for 1907, claims in course of collection and refund of insurance on steamers Fatshan and Tak Hing which was not renewed. All properties mortgaged to the Company have been surveyed and revalued by the Company's

surveyors, Meis's, Palmer and Turner, and the loans show a satisfactory margin of safety. do not think that there is anymmy class that Their oyal Highnesies, on reaching the calls for particular comment, but should any shareholder require any further information shall have much pleasure in answering any There being no questions, gentlemen, I be to propose the adoption of the report and

> Dr. J. W. Noble seconded. The Chairman:—It is proposed by myself and seconded by Dr. Noble that the report and statement of accounts presented be passed. Alt in favour please signify in the usual manner.

statement of accounts as presented.

Carried unanimously. Mr. Mases proposed the confirmation of M C. Thiel as a director.

Mr. Potts seconded, and it was carried. On the motion of Mr. Silva, seconded by Mr. Ellis, the retiring auditors; Messrs A. O D Gourdin and W. H. Potts, were re-elected for the ensuing half-year.

The Chairman:— hat concludes the busi ness of the meeting, gentlemen. Dividend warrants are now ready and may be obtained upon application. Thank you for your attend-

HUMPHRKYS ESTATES. ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

9th inst. "The annual general meeting of the shareholders of Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Ltd., was held in the office of the general managers, Messrs, J. D. Humphreys and Son, Alexandra Buildings, at noon to-day. Mr. Penry "umphreys presided, and there were present Messrs. A. G. Wood, J. Scott Interest and J. A. Jupp, disectors; F. H. Sharp, . F. Wright, J. M. Manhinnett, F. W. Stapleton, J. Arnold and E. Seth, secretary.

The secretary read the notice calling the

The Chairman said:-Gentlemen, I propose with your permission, to take, the report and statement of accounts as read. There is not much in the assets and liabilities that calls for explanation. Accounts receivable and sundry creditors both show a big decrease, viz.;-\$134,151.60 in the case of the former and \$104,979.08 in the case of the latter. This simply means that the company has not been lebding to its full capacity or utilizing its credit to the utmost, the condition of affairs prevailing throughout the year necessitating extreme caution. Insurance reserve fund has been increased by the addition of \$4,3.4.17 which epresents the value of expired fire risks underwritten by ourselves. Turning to the profit and loss account, rents show an increase of \$16,702,83. Unfortunately, the company had a number of its Kowloon houses vacant during a considerable portion of the year, otherwise the increase would have been larger. Interest shows a falling off of \$18,951.61 which is accounted for by mortgages being paid off and the rates of interest for the year ruling lower than during 1905. The amount figuring on the debit side of the account under the heading of repairs is, we regret to say, abnormally high, for which the disastrous typhoon which swept over the Colony on September 18th last is responsible, The force of the wind was felt more at Kowloon, where nearly all your property is situated, than in any other part of the Colony. The condition of property generally has not been satisfactory for the past two years. In some places, and this applies more particularly to Chinese property, there has been an actual depreciation of from 30 to 35 per cent, partly due, so doubt, to bad times, but in a great measure to the manner in which the very drastic Health Ordinance of 1903 has been enforced. When that measure was being considered by the Legislative Council the principal landlords in the Colony foresaw that the very wide powers which were being con-

In addition they draw the attention of the Government to the injustice of certain of its provisions as well as to the obscurity, ambiguity and the impossibility of working of many of its clauses. Though considerably modified and again amended within a few months of its conception, the bill as it now stands has been. in force for about three and a half years. Although landlords had from the first grave misgivings as to the baneful effect the bill would have on property, their worst fears have fallen short of the actual result. For instance, it was thought that the overcrowding clauses, while lessening the value of central properties by decreasing the number of cubi cles, and consequently the available ac commodation, would exercise a beneficial influence upon suburban property at East Point, West Point and Kowloon. Extensive building operations were commenced before the bill became law in these neighbourhoods, with a view to accommodating the population which would have to be ejected from the central districts, but so far as can be judged from the number of empty Chinese tenements available and the latest census returns, this population, instead of being driven into these suburbs, as was anticipated, has to a great extent been driven out of the Colony altogether. Whether it will ever return, time alone will show, meanwhile the Government might be well advised to nause in its rigid enforcement of an Ordinance, which itself begotten of panic, has, in a great measure; been the means of creating something like further panic until such time as the Commission now sitting sends in its report. Before moving the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, I shall be pleased to answer any questions shareholders may have to ask.

No questions were asked, and the Chairman moved the adoption of the report and accounts. Mr. Sharp-In seconding that motion would simply say there can be no doubt whatever that the directors have done their very best during the past year to meet the difficulties which you have so clearly set forth in your report. It evidently has not been altogether a satisfactory year, but the causes have not been due to any fault of the directors. There is no doubt whatever that the very best has been done under the circumstances, and I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report. But I might, I think, take this opportunity of calling the attention of the Board-although their personal interest, might lie the other way, they will be sure to receive it with kind consideration-and that is the fact that in a year of depression, as this has been, the amount that goes out for the management and for the directors' fees, though no doubt well deserved in many respects, is a very serious drawback and a very serious amount, only throw this out for the thoughtful consideration of the Board whether in future years the expenses, which are now doubl ed, and by the Articles of Association approved of, but really take a very large bite out of the annual profits, might be reduced. I refer to the directors expenses and the expenses of the general management Whether I am in order in throwing out that suggestion is a matter for the Board's consideration, but I think the shareholders have every confidence in the Board in the future as in the past and present, but if the expenses of management could in any way be reduced, especially in times of depression, it would meet the approval of the shareholders. The Chairman-I might mention, in reply

to your remarks, as to the cost of management being excessive, that the remuneration to the directors is, as you said, provided by the Articles, and is very much less than obtains in the other great companies such as the Land Investment Company. Speaking for myself, as one of the general managers, I would not be prepared to take less remuneration than I am getting. You see, the \$8,000 allowed the general management for offices, secretary's salary and clerks and so on is not excessive in any way. Fossibly, the general managers may make a little profit out of that, but it was intended at the time the allowance was made that the should do so. For instance, \$7,000 which is all the general managers have got in fees, would be a very poor remuneration indeed for the time and trouble they have given to the company. As regards the directors, if you wish it I will bring the matter under their consideration at the next Board meeting. Unless

you wish it otherwise. . Mr. Sharp - I don't for a moment suggest i is excessive or make any proposal, but only throw it out that it is a very serious bite out of the profits in a time of depression. The Chairman - No doubt the directors will

consider it. The report and accounts were then un-

animously adopted. The Chairman moved the re-election of the retiring directors, Messrs, A. G. Wood, 1 S. and Ho Tung.

Mr Stapleton seconded and the motion was carried. The Chairman-With regard to the appointment of auditors, Mr. Gaskell is shortly leaving the Colony and has resigned the auditorship, 'so that it will only be necessary for you, to re-elect Mr. W. Hutton Potts. Before next meeting takes place the Board of directors will appoint another director to the company. Mr. Jupp moved the re-appointment of Mr.

Hutton Polts. Mr. Sharp seconded. The Chairman: That is all the business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be ready on Monday morning.

THE HONGKONG ICE COMPANY

LIMITED.

Thetwenty-sixthannual report is as follows:-The general managers have pleasure in submitting a statement of the Company's accounts

for the year 1906, Including \$3,776.31 brought forward from the previous year, and after deducting \$20,000 paid as an interim dividend of \$4 per share, the balance at credit of profit and loss 'account \$143,836.81 which it is recommended should be

appropriated as follows:-

Provision for contingencies .......... 25,000.00 To write off properly a/c ............. 24.475.35 \$143,836,81

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers. the priest. Inspector Robertson arraighed Hongkong, Lith February, 1907. BALANCE SHEET 31ST DECEMBER, 1906. Capital, 5,000 shares of \$25 each... \$25,000.00 Accounts payable.....

Ammonia reserve account..... Provision for contingencies...... Profit and loss account,...... 143,836.81

-Land. buildings, plant and machineryas per last accounts ......\$198,936.01 Less written off per last reports ...... 30,000.00

Add cost of further ex-174,475.35 Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. share as per last account 225.00 China Fire Insurance Co. share, as per last account Canton Insurance Office share, as per last account..... 120.00 Cash in hand..... 286.30 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on current account...... 12,469.03 Hongkong and Shanghai Bank on deposit 83,000.00 Mortgages ..... 86,000,00 Outstanding accounts ..... 7,711,16 Accounts receivable 1,924.51 Ice in Stock Coal in Stock..... 1.200.00 Fire insurance, unexpired premium. \$367,804.98

For the Year ended 31st December, 1906. To General managers' commission, \$ 2,000.00 2,150.00. To Interim dividend of 16% paid on 2nd August, 1906...... 20,000.00

To Balance, .....

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

By Balance brought forward from last year ...... 3,776.31 By Ice sales and cold storage charges, less working expenses..... 153,697.89 By Rents received (less Crown rents and taxes paid), ...... 2,22635

By Interest and dividends, By Transer fees, A. .....

A POINT FOR SHIPMASTERS. EXCESS OF PASSENGERS A MISDEMEANOUR

Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne gave his reserved decision at the Police Court this morning on the point of law which was raised yesterday by Mr. P. W. Goldring when the captain of the steamship Telemachus was summoned by Detective Sergeant Wilden, of the Water Police Station, for failing to stop his vessel on the 10th January last when called upon to do so by the police. The decision was in favour of the police. The point to be decided was whether the police could stop a ship without suspecting that a "felopy or'a misdemeanour" was being committed on board. At the last hearing Mr. Goldring, who appeared for the captain of the Telemichus, contended that to stop a ship the police must suspect that a "felony or misdemeanour" was being or about to be committed on bourd. e submitted that the intention; of the police in signalling to the Telemachus to stop was because they thought she was carrying an excess of passengers: Carrying excess of passengers was not 'a "felony or misdemeanour" and therefore the police had no case,

When the matter was called on this morning his Worship said that the question he had to decide was whether it was a felony or a misdemeanour. He held that carrying an excess of passengers was a misdemeanour. Authorities were then quoted by the Court. "The Digest of Criminal Law" (Stephen) page VII, read: "Disobedience to any statutory order is, generally speaking, a m'sdemeanour, but a book which comprised all statutory orders would be nearly co-extensive with the statute book itself" Page 8 of the same authority reads thus :- Every crime is either treason, felony or misdemeanour, Every crime which amounts to treason or felony is so denominated in the definitions of crimes. All crimes not so denominated are misdemeanours."

Mr. Goldring said that such might be the case, but it was not according to the section under which the 'ummons was taken out, ' His Worship tated that misdemeandur was: a punishable offence by law. That was how

he read it.

Mr. Goldring .- Your Worship is against me. That settled the point, and the summons against the captain of the Telemachus will be taken on the return of the ship to this port,

> ATTEMPTED HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

> CHINESE PRIEST ILL-TREATED.

A very bold attempt to commit highway robbery was perpetrated on the Shau-ki-wan Road last night when a native priest was "held Van Buren, J. Scott Harston, H. A. W. Slade up and cruelly ill-treated by a person who had previously invited him to come to his fishing boat to perform certain religious rights on his behalf. The priest, who is an old man, lives at No. 111, Shau-ki-wan West, and is a well known personality in that district. At about nine o'clock last night, a man, who called himself Au Tam Tak, a fisherman, called at the priest's house and begged him to go with him to his flabing craft, which was anchored at Sai Wan Hau. a matter of a mile away, to pray for his brother who was dangerously ill. The priest agreed, and both started for the boat, the fisherman leading the way with a lighted lantern. After about twenty minutes walk, near a clump of trees, he noticed that the fisherman's lantern had been extinguished. It was while feeling in his pockers for a box of matches to hand his companien that the priest was attacked. A sudden blow on the chest, followed by a kic brought down the unfortunate priest. While on the flat of his back, on the fond his assailant subbed black pepper in his eyes, and when his fighting ardour had evaporated the highwayman started to go through his pockets. A dangerour man on top of him and the bulning sensation in his eyes did not tend of weat the priest's mouth for his cries of "Helb." "Bave life "were heard some distance away by a young fisherman who was on his way to Shau-ki-wan. Recognising the voice of the priest, the fisherman ran down the A final dividend of \$18 per share .. \$90,000.00 road and on turning round a sharp corner saw the cause of the trouble. With and hands working simultanedosly he sailed into the highwayman, who was soon overpowered. He was then removed to the police station, where, on making inquiries, it was learnt that the prisoner was no fisherman at all, but had only assumed that title to rob

> highway robbery, which charge he denied. The priest was then put in the withban stand to tell his story. Before he could be interrogated the attention of those in 9,079.16 Court was drawn to the withest for smoke was seen issuing from the sleeves of the priest's long coat. Somebody murmufed "Turn in an alarm," the Court said, "Take him outside," but disregarding all this Inspector Robertson made for the priest and extinguish. ed-a smouldering sleeve, containing a lighted cigarette, which the witness hastily thrust, all in

him before Mr. F. A. Hazeldud, at the Police

Court, this morning, on a charge of attempted

a glow, up his sleeve as he entered the Court. When the excitement had subsided the case was begun. The evidence was very conclusive. and his Worship sent accused to gaol for Your months and to be exhibited in the stocks for four hours.

S.S. "WONGKOI" REFLUATED. PROCEEDING TO HONGKONG.

"A private telegram" has been received in the Colony stating that the N. D. L. s.s. Wongkoi, which stranded at Capt. Varella some weeks since, has been refloated. The Wongkot i proceeding to Hongkong under her own steam

S.S. "Wongkot" in Port.

Shortly after 3 p.m. on the 12th inst., the s.s. Wongkoi steamed into the harbour under convoy of the salvage steamer Protector. The Wongkoi was stranded at Cape Varella, and has since been refloated by the Protector-with whose expert crew of salvagers not a single undertaking has yet failed of complete success The Wongkei steamed into port with her ow engines and is now lying alongside the quay a Hunghom awaiting agents' instructions before docking for survey and repairs.

THEFT OF A PROMISSORY NOIE.

WIDOW SENT TO GAOL

After innumerable adjournments the case against the widow, Chan Sze, pending for over three weeks, came to a conclusion at the Police' Court, 'vesterday afternoon. The charge against the widow, who until her arrest resided at the Hung On Chan boarding house, was preferred by Wong Pul Yuk, a Canton school mistress. She alleged that accused and her son separated her from a promissory note, the face value of which amounted to \$5,000, some time in January last. Mr. John Hastings prosecuted, and Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton defended Briefly, the particulars of the case were to the effect that several months ago accused and son borrowed \$5,000 from the complainant. who was given a promissory note. One day last month mother and son visited complainan on the pretext of returning the loan. Accused called for the promissory note, saying that she wanted to see the date on which the loan was made, in order that the interestron the capital might be included. It was then alleged that defendant substituted a forgery for the genuing note, and was leaving the house, promising return with the money later, when she wa found out.

The Court found her guilty of theft and sen her to gaol for one month.

ALLEGED KIDNAPPING.

YAU-MA-TI LAD SOLD AT SUN-NING.

At the Police Court, this morning, Inspector Macdonald, of Yau-ma-ti Police Station, arraigned an old woman, who resides in Temple | freedom. Night came, and a lukong gave Street, Yau-ma-ti, before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Cheung his "chow," but when he removed on a charge of kidnapping a boy, nine years of the empty bowl, or completion of the prisoner's age, from his parents on the 2nd instant. The lad, it appears, was playing in the street when he was enticed away. He was prisoner tose and began to put his plan into taken to Macao and from there to Sun-ning, execution. With the sharper end of the chopwhere he was sold for \$17.. The lad's mother, I stick he began picking out the mortar from the after a fruitless search, received information | wall between the bricks, and in this way it was of her son's whereabouts and taking passage not long before he was able to pull out for Sun-ning met his alleged kidnapper in a | whole brick. Encouraged by his success, so boarding house in that city She found the far, he persevered, until he had a hole big family to which her son had been sold but they enough for him to crawl through to liberty. roused to hand over the boy unless the mother | But here his haste was his undoing, for in rereturned to them the price they had paid for him, Not having that amount of money the grieved mother returned to the boarding house to think over the matter. - There she received word that accused had returned-to Hongkong. The mother followed her by the next boat and on meeting her at Yau-ma-ti yesterday had her placed under arrest. As steps are being taken to get the boy down to Hongkong the case was

A RUNAWAY TRUCK. LUKONG KNOCKED OVER.

Chinese policeman No. 132 hopped on one leg into Mr. F. A. Hazeland's court this morning and landed on the witness stand with a bang. His left foot was in bandages, the result of being run over by a truck the previous afternoon, and the skilful way he balanced himself on the stand, with one leg bent backward and without any hold, proved himself to bean acrobat of no mean order. His presence in Court this morning was to prosecute Li Iu Fui, a truck coolie, of No. 188, Connaught Road Central, for carelessly driving a truck. At two o'clock, yesterday afternoon the lukong was standing at the east side of the Queen's Statue. The defendant, who had charge of a truck, came down Chater Road at a flying rate, and on swinging round the statue at the same pace he lost control of the vehicle which collided with the lukong, knocking him down, one of the wheels passing over the policeman's left foot. The defendant's excuse was that on coming round the statue he thought the road was clear and did not see the policeman until he was knocked over His Worship said that this careless driving of trucks had become quite frequent of late and it must be stopped. He fined defendant \$10.

> LEAP FOR LIBERTY. GAMBLER'S OLD TRICK.

Notwithstanding the constant reports published in the columns of the local press of the death of a gambler as the result of his foolish jump out of a verandah or a window, while panic-stricken at the sudden appearance of the police, the men most concerned appear unable to learn the lesson thus taught them. This mode of attempted escape has now The man, in spite of his large number of become of such frequent occurrence that in friends, who would of course have been reading the report of a gambling raid one only too willing to help him if there had almost looks to see what tragedy accompanied, it is that it is never the bankers, or leaders of Mr. Renault's head, but fortunately Mr. Renthe game, who are more severely dealt with by ault just managed to escape the blow, receiving drug, which will make matters worse. It is the Court when caught in flagrants delicio, but only a slight gash on the knuckle, which, howthose who must know that their penalty will be ever, bled, profusely. Wrenching the instru- checking the use of opium. Great Britain is rebut a nominal one. It is therefore difficult | ment from the man, so as to prevent any at- quested to consent to increase the tax to Tls. | the result. Two and a half years had now elapsto see why they should become so strangely tempt on his part to up him with it. Renault | 220, instead of Tls. 110 as hitherto levied. panic-stricken at the sight of a policeman, and | gave him to understand in fluent Iananese that risk their lives and limbs for the sake of get- such insults would not be tolerated. Subseting out of a fine of a few dollars! But they | quently Mr. Repault returned the cargo-book, | this should be dealt with in the following | which it was intended. In conclusion, he still continue to do, it, and it may safely be throwing it on to the top of the cart. The assumed that they will continue to do so to the | coolies then moved on, but when 300 or 400 referred to occurred at 1 a.m., on the 12th inst., filthy abuse at the top of their voices. During ed, opium being imported into China. when Sorgt. Murison and his men raided the pre- the altercation some Japanese men stood by. mises No. 2, Yuen Wo Lane, where he found but never attempted to render any assistance. a pathan game in full swing, and the players just in the act of laying down their stakes. / t the entrance of the police-raiders, the usual as willing and anxious to do all in their power stampede ensued, and one man, following to suppress this growing tendency among the "olo custom," of course, and to keep up the | coolies. traditions, jumped out of the window to the -in all probability he did not know the height, the authorities-warning them that any interwhether it was ten or 50 feet, and would just as | ference on their part would mean punishment cheerfully have made the jump if he had known for them might to some extent remedy the evil. a humans view of the matter considered the conduct of the coolies is altered, for the manmin, who had to be removed to the Govern' ner in which Japanese ladies are insulted by punished quite sufficiently, while he fixed the termined movement against behaviour for (wo leaders \$50 each and the rest \$3 per head. | which there can be no possible excuse.

TRICKSTER HEAVILY PUNISHED

SUBSTITUTING COINS IN DRAPER'S SHOP

was alleged to have palmed off \$2 worth of counterfeit coins in Omar Cassim Moosa, the manager of an Indian draper's establishment in D'Aguilar Street, yesterday, under circumstances already reported in these columns, received his tonic from Mr. Hazeland, at the I olice Court, this morning. An expert, who was called by the police, pronounced every coin, out of the \$2 accused was alleged to about 1.5 p.m. when about off the Naval Torhave substituted for the complainant's money, pedo Depot one of the Chinese Yaumati ferry to be counterfeits. It is true that when he was arrested no spurious money was found on him and it was through this channel that accused tried to establish his innocence, but was asked why it was that he gave a \$5 bill as happened so often before that I made it'my twenty-five cents a pair, when he had \$2.40 in small coins in his pocket. He was sentenced to two months' hard labour and four hours'

POWER OF A CHOPSTICK.

BREAKS A PRISON WALL

Most people' interested will have noted how often the case of the mortar used in build ings in Hongkong is called in question by the P. W. D. the matter even going before the Courts for expert opinion. Of course it is right and proper to keep a tight hand upon rapacious jerry-builders, in the interests and for the safety of the community, but the not to be lost sight of even when dealing with jerry-builders! A case in point was one which thought. The facts, as adduced before his Worbeing in unlawful possession of two mace of prepared opium, and was marched to Aberdeen put up the small sum which would have in a cell, until such time as Mr. F. A. Hazeland could deal with him, at the Police Court. No doubt the fisherman felt the confinement in a close pen of a cell, and piped for the freedom he was unable to purchase. Pining naturally led to projecting, until at last he devised a project which at first start would seem very puerile, but in the end proved ertirely successful, and but for undue has at the last would have secured him his meal, he did not notice that only one chopstick was in it. 'As soon as all was quiet the moving the last brick he dropped it, letting it fall with such a thud that it aroused Inspector Dymond, the officer in charge, who hastening to the spot made the above remarkable discovery. The man was stopped, the chopstick secured, and a charge of damaging Government property to the extent of \$10, and received a sentence of two months' hard labour. But it, was a good test of the mortar used in prison walls !

INSOLENCE OF JAPANESE COOLIES.

A GROWING DANGER TO SOCIETY.

It has been noticeable since the war that there has been a growing tendency among the coolie classes to make insulting remarks when passing foreigners, and although such remarks are usually received in silence they are very appoying, especially to those who 'fully, understand their meaning. We are informed on good authority that Japanese dressed in Europenn style are often similarly insulted, while in certain districts near Kobe just now many, Japanese ladies are afraid to venture out alone on account of the disgusting remarks which the coolies engaged in conveying the rice from the mills to the sake-breweries make on meeting them. As is well known, a large number of the lowest class come to the district from Banshu to assist the sake brewing, and one of their principal "amusements" seems to be to insult all who do not happen to be of the class to which they themselves belong.

. Mr. H. Renault; who resides near Sumivoshi. informs us of an incident, says the Japan Cheoricle of 20th ult., which occurred on Sunday afternoon having consequences a little more serious than is the usual outcome of the coolies' attentions to those whom they meet on the road. Two young girls were calling at the house and Mr. Renault happened to open the gate just as half-a-dozen of the coolies were passing with their bullock-carts. One of them made an insulting remark in a loud tone and this was followed by filthy exclamations from the others. Mr. Renault let the girls into the compound and immediately went out and gripped one of the men by the wrist, asking him whether he wished to be taken to the police station. When Mr. Renault opened the gate he was carrying his walking-stick, but he threw it into his garden and faced the coolies empty handed. been serious trouble, immediately spatched his

The incident was reported to the police who were most courteous, and expressed themselves

Most of the coolies are illiterates, but possiroad below. Fortunately for him it was only bly notices placed along the roads regularly: a drop of ten (feet-but that is not the point | traversed by them-which are well known to | concessions. it to be the latter figure. However, he escaped It seems strange that the vernacular papers do | China, providing all Powers agree, The Wai- Monged to it hereafter, (Applause.) with a broken heel, and the Magistrate taking | not take up this matter and see to it that the ment Civil Hospital for treatment, had been these men should be sufficient to arouse a da-

MARINE COURT

COXSWAIN'S CERTIFICATE SUSPENDED

At the Marine Court on the 12th insta before Ho Chung, the long-coated Chinaman, who | Lieut. C. W. Beckwith, R.N., Harbour-master and Marine Magistrate, an inquiry was held into the circumstances of a charge brought by Mr. F. F. Bovet against Fung Fat, muster of the licensed steam launch Les Fat. for failing to observe the rule of the road in the waters of the harbour on the 9th inst.

Mr. Boyet, sworn, said he left Murray Pier in his lau Gielchen on the 9th inst., and at launches came across his bow at full speed It was only when a collision seemed inevitable that our launch slowed down and ported her helm. The Yaumati launch went straight he failed to give the Court an answer when he | across, and proceeded to Yaumati. This has: payment for two pairs of socks, valued at business to find out and report it. I found the launch was called the Lee Fut.

 W. L. Carter gave corroborative evidence. His Worship said: I find you, Fung Fat, guilty of gross carelessness in the execution of your duty as coxswain in charge of the Lee Fat, in that you did wilfully disregard the rule of the road on the 9th February, and cross the bows of the steam launch Gretchen, thereby causing grave tisk of injury to life and property and suspend your certificate for three months At the expiration of that term you will pass another examination, if you wish to-regain vour certificate.

STEAMSHIP SUBSIDIES. in to-day's papers, writes " H. H." in the old adage about the mote and the beam ought N.C.D. News, currency is given to the statement'that Japan has at a recent meeting of the Finance Committee of its Government decided came before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, this morning, to subsidize Japanese steamship enterprise in and should give the Building Authority food for | China to the amount of 800,000 year in the year, and in the list of the undertakings that ship, were that on Sunday, at Aberdeen, a fisher- | are to share in the subsidy are many that are man; named Cheung Hing, was arrested for plying in Chinese waters, from Chinese port for inter-Chinese trade and traffic. It does not seem in the face of things that such a proceed-Police Station, to give an account of himself. ing is fair and one that ought to pass the There he admitted possession of the opium, scrutiny of the many nations engaged in trade and was offered bail. But he was unable to in China on its waterways, as creating a bad precedent that may lead to trouble. Every secured his freedom, and so was lodged nation now in the 20th century that is not pledged to free trade and absorbed in a quixotic idea of sharing its cake with others, or more correctly giving, all the icing and plums of its cake to all but its own citizens, lays down the strict rule and sees that it is acted up to, that all coasting and internal trade from port to port or town to town in its own country shall be carried in a railway of its own, or if carried by water, in bottoms owned and registered under its own flag; and takes good care that others do not interfere in it, but here we have the interesting but objectionable proposition that trade and traffic between towns on Chinese rivers, originating and terminating in China, are to be unfairly tostered and supported against bottoms owned and registered by corporations under the Chinese flag as the Japanese propose to do. The proposition might receive support or countenance if it was being done to enable Japan to push its own trade up to these points, but to enable it to. carry Chinese trade and traffic from Chinese port to Chinese port, and turn in competition against. Chinese, river companies and Railways is a demand that should meet with some vigorous action. The whole question of subsidies has of late been a great and vexed subject of contention hetures individuals, corporations and. Governments, and lately in Europe a consensus of opinion of most eminent jurists has laid down that such subsidies come very near, if not actually, in the category of unfair rebates constituting undue preference. It is a certainty that if other nain this direction they would have had more to say in the terms arranged for Peace after the late by such an evident chance to raise difficulties for her that I should not be astonished if I she was riding for a fall, and her best advisers and most warm admirers would do well to caution her that "Festina Lente", or walk gently is the best policy.

SUPPRESSION OF THE OPIUM TRADE FULL PROPOSALS OF THE CHINESE

GOVERNMENT.

The following are the proposals of the Chinese Government for the suppression of the opium trade, submitted to Sir John Jordon. We have in former issues given a brief outline of the Government's proposals to the British Minister, and now reproduce a more detailed statement from the native papers:

The following are the points which have been referred to the British Government for

consideration. 7.—As native opium is to be entirely suppressed within ten years, foreign opium shall be so likewise; so that the supplies may be discontinued simultaneously. The importation of Indian opium shall therefore be reduced proportionally. It is requested that the average of the imports for the years 1901-1905 be taken. as a standard, and the decrease begin in the year 1907, importation to cease in the 11th year 2.—Calcutta being a centre of opium export tende in India, it is requested that Chinese officials be allowed to inspect the packing and

exporting of opium at Calcutta, so as to secure an authentic return of the opium exported to of native opium, it was formerly taxed at the rate of Tis, 60 to Tis. 90 per picul, and the present tariff is Tls. 115, while native onuim likin. Comparatively, the tax on the former

that the smokers will take the foreign l not a question of revenue but a measure for

kong and great quantities are sent to China.

end of the chapter. Just such a case as that | yards away the whole crowd again shouted to give assistance ; the prohibition of prepart taken, and handed the key to the President of (b.) China be allowed a free hand to impose

taxes on such opium when imported to China. 5.—It is requested that the foreign concessions be ordered to co-operate with the local officials in the prohibition of opium dens, restaurants, tea-houses and houses of ill-fame in which opium smoking is allowed, altogether with the shops where opium pipes, lamps and other apparatus are put up for sale in the

Treaty signed between Great Britain and that the Club would be enjoyed by all who bewu pu had, in the Third Moon, this year, prohibition,-Shanghai Timer.

THE NEW CERMAN CLUB.

AT SHANGHAL

The opening ceremony of the new German Club at Shanghai was briefly recorded in our telegram columns last week. From the N. C. D. Nows of 7th inst, we take the following full | rang throughout the building. report of the cer-mony.

noon yesterday, for almost the whole of the would be good for the place, the young, old male population had assembled in the new and family men, and perhaps the ladies. premises of the Club Concordia to attend the (Applause.) opening ceremony. The new Club, viewed from the exterior," is an imposing building. speech, dwelt upon the fittingness of the Club's Mr. H. K. Kidnear, Weihaiwei Land and Build-Now that the scaffolding has been removed it proximity to the water, thanked the members is the most prominent edifice on the Bund; Its for the hospitality accorded to the officers of the glazed walls and striking towers and roof catch | German navy and proposed "good-fellowship," | E. C. Pearce, Laou Kung Mow Cotton Mill. the eye from far down the river, but it needs a la toast which was also honoured by loud North China Herald Ld., S. Moutrie & Co., visit to the interior to realize to the full how luxurious and complete in every detail is the new home of the German residents at this port, There are two entrances to the Club. The main doorway is on the Bund, but an entrance

parts in order to enable a through draught it. from end to end of the ground floor. Behind the divisions of the bar there are two handpainted panels, representing respectively. Unterden Linden, Berlin, and a view of Bremen. and these, and two other panels on either side of the mantel, depicting the earliest and the most recent vessels of the company's fleet, to the Club may be enumerated ship, and embellished with the arms of the cantons, which also finds a place in the bar, was presented by the Swiss members: the Club. It will be noticed throughout how much aid the Club has received in the shape of gifts of furniture and decorations from German cities, communities, and friends of other nationalities. The handsome electroliers in this room were presented by the city of Bremen, and bear its crest. Behind the bar is the billiard room, containing two French and four English tables, to which the Hamburg-American Company has presented most of the decorations. Adjoining it is the reading room, furnished throughout with teak and lighted by up vard-directed lamps. This room also contains a clock of fine workmanship, handsome bookcases, and numerous cosy corners so comfortably upholstered that those who make use of them will find it hard indeed to tear themselves away to sterner duties. The bowling alleys and cellars are in the basement, and the former is so constructed that no sound shall nenetrate to the rooms above. The offices of the secretary and Chinese staff complete the accommodation of the ground floor.

The tour of the ground floor completed, one emerges into the hall, where a fountain, and the broad marble stairway give a foretaste of the coolness they will ensure throughout the hot weather. The stream of water flows from griffin's mouth, and on each side of the basin into which it falls are bronze scals in a most lifelike attitude. The fountain is the gift of the Russo-Chinese Bank. The marble and brouze capitals which flank the stairway are the gifts of Melchers & Co., who celebrated their centenary last year. The hall is decorated in the typical German caller explorand is lefty, spacious and cool. Opposite the stairs is a copy on porcelain of an old Dutch picture, presented by the Netherland Bank.

A large bust of the German Emperor is the first thing that greets one's view on reaching the first floor. The whole Bund frontage is stained glass windows, and profusely decorated with the arms of the German States, views of late war. As far as Japan herself is concerned the principal cities, and the royal arms of nearher whole policy to China has been dictated of ly every country. There is a large gallery for the accommodation of the band, and opening out of the room, but able to be isolated from it, is a series of private dinny and ball rooms. In one of them there is a full-sized portrait in oils of Il. M. the Emperor, presented to the Club by the officers of the Ear Eastern Cruiser. squadron, and a big bronze eagle, presented to the Club by the German officers in 190 . The private dining-rooms and the bedrooms above them can be reached by the side entrance from Jinkee Road without passing through the Club. Opposite the dining rooms there is a large library, the capacity | 1,500 selected animals in various parts of Japan, of which is placed at 20,000 volumes. There are bookcases all round, and also in the gallery, and a cosy corner is fitted up for the com-

fort of those who make use of the library. The third floor is given up to private rooms, all of which are large and well-furnished, while those (ronting on the Bund command an excellent view of the river. All but one of these. rooms are already in occupation, and the Club is not likely to have any difficulty in finding tenants for apartments so conveniently situated, withat let at such a moderate rental. The top floor contains the kitchens and Chinese quarters, which are airy and well ventilated. Automatic electric lifts facilitate the service of meals. There are also a passenger and a luggage lift, worked by electricity and three staircases in the building in addition to a steel fire-

escape at the rear. The Club has its own electric plant, and is say anything, for he would be blind indeed who sid not notice it even in a cursory examination of the Bund. It has taken two and a half years 3.—Foreign opium being double the strength, to build, and was designed by Mr. H. Pecker.

pays Tls. 110, per picul including duty and recited some verses specially composed for the but it would be valuable as an outlet in occasion, and then handed the key to the connection with the trade from the interior -or rather resulted from it. The curious part of | cargo-hook (Kagi) from the cart and struck at | is much less than for the latter and it is feared | Chairman of the Building Committee, Mr.

The latter, in accepting the key, said that when the first stone was laid no one had any idea that such a magnificent building would be ed, and the Club was not yet quite finished. Ho 4-As opium ointment is prepared at Hong- hoped the Club would prove a great success, and that it would generally fulfil the duties for expressed his thanks to the members of the (a.) The Hongkorg Governor is requested Building Committee for the trouble they had the Club. (Applause.)

members to the Architect and the Building Committee, and enumerated some of the diffi-But success had now crowned their efforts. (Loud applause). He then enumerated some of the gifts made to the Club and expressed the assistance. Finally he extended a hearty wel-6 .- Morphia and syringes are to be prohibited | come to all present and expressed the hope that

speeches were made and many toasts were pro-The president mounted a chair and said that

on an occasion like the present thoughts would naturally turn homeward, so the most fitting toast would be that of H. M. Wilhelm II. The toast was drunk with musical honours. and to the accompaniment of " Hochs" which

The German Consul-General proposed The Shanghai Club was nearly descrited at | the 'prosperity of the Club which he hoped

Captain Count von Posadewski, in a short

that he was unable to attend.

in the linkee Road affords access to the re- buted by a number of members, Mr. J. C. Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co. Ld. sidential quarters and private dining rooms. Hanson thanked the Chairman and members 'Mr. W. H. Jackson, Shanghai Lorto Bazzari After passing through the main entrance one of the Club for their invitation to the Com. | Co., Ld.; Mr. J. S. Dooly, Dunning & Co., Ld.; turns first of all to the bar, a large and well | mittee of the Shanghai Club to attend the | Woosung Fore Launch Co., Ld., and Rosanthai ventilated room, most effectively decorated ceremony. They were exceedingly gratified & Co., Ld.; Mr. G. L. Oberg, Shanghai Mutual throughout. Stained glass windows bear the land considered that the building was a great [ Telephone Co., Ld.; Mr. W. Li. Poste. coats of arms of various nations. The lofty | credit to all concerned and to those responsible | Mackenzie & Co., Lui; Mr. G., I. Shekury, I find you unfit to hold the certificate of master, | ceiling is panelled and richly decorated, the for the idea of building it. They had now their | Central Stores, ad.; Mr. Richard Dallas, The rafters bearing suitable mattees and proverbs | reward, and it was the wish of the members of | Dallas Horse Repository Co., Ld.; Mr. L. W in German. "The bar itself is divided into two I the Shanghai Club that they would long enjoy I

> Three hearty cheers were given in response to Mr. Hanson's request and after a number of congratulatory telegrams had been read the guests partook of the elaborate luncheon which

had been prepared for them. Among the most notable presents made were presented by the North German Lloyd, following :- The marble for the stairs A grandfather's clock, of exquisite workman- and the walls of the grand staircase from Herr Hermann Melchers; the tiled fountain from the Russo-Chinese Bank: the four panels in the bar from the North German bloyd Company: the electrolier in the bar from citizens of Bremen; the panelling and hilliard tables in the billiard saloon from the Hamburg-Amerika Linie; the clock in the bar from the Swiss members of the Club; the tiled stove in the reading room from the German-Netherlands Cable Company; a portrait of the German Emperor from the Officers of the Cruiser Squadron in the Far East; pictures and panels in the dining hall from members belonging to different States and towns in Germany. In addition to these, a large proportion of the fixtures, electric light fittings and mural decorations were the gifts of members or friends.

> FATAL EXPLOSION AT SHANGHAL

At 2.50 p.m. yesterday, reports the N. C. D. News of 7th inst., when a packing case, supposed to contain | apanese fireworks, was being opened by Chinese coolies in the transport repacking office of the I. M. Customs, there was a suiden explosion, said to have been caused by the effect of the hammered blows given by the coolies in their efforts to open the case. As a result of the explosion the windows of the office were shattered and of the three Chinese in the room at the time, one was injured about the head. He was almost immediately attended by Drs. Patrick and Jackson and removed in the ambulance to the Shantung Road Hospital. where it was ascertained that loss of eyesight must easue, but no fatal results are apprehended. A second Chinese coolin was bidly cut about the face and body and had his right leg and left ankle broken, but the third native in the room escaped with slight injuries, Mr. C. B. V. Golding was in the room when the tions had realized that Japan would strike out given up to the main dining-room, lighted by explosion occurred, but fortunately escaped without injury.

> IMPERIAL DIE HORSE-BREEDING IN JAPAN.

IMPROVEMENT OF HARBOURS.

At a meeting of a Budget sub-committee on the gret ultimo a question was raised as in the Government's intentions in relation to.

horse-breeding in Japan. Mr. Arai, in reply, stated that the number of horses in the Country was estimated at about 1,500,000. It was proposed to distribute about with a view to improving the breed. This work will be carried out within a period of eighteen years, commencing from 1906. The Government approved the establishment of racecourses as a means of improving hottebreeding, but full investigation into the character of all applications would be made before being granted.

At another sub-committee meeting an official statement was made concerning the improvement of several rivers in Japan to allow of freer navigation. The Yodogawa, at Osaka, was mentioned in this connection.

Mr. Hara, the Home Minister, said that no pledge could be definitely given as to the term within which these impravements would be carried, out.

Mr. Hirol, dealing with the two Hokkaido harbour-works schemes, stated that, although the Kushiro harbour was not a very important one, heated throughout by steam radiators. Of the | the work of improvement was nevertheless exterior of the building it is unnecessary to necessary with a view to future commercial development. Breakwaters would be built to prevent the sand silting up in the harbour. was also essential that the Hokkaido should have a good harbour on the western coast, at a The cost up to date has been about Tis. 425,000. point north of Otaru; hence it was necessary The preliminary opening proceedings took to improve the harbour of Ramue. This place in the bar. Mr. Becker, the architect, harbour is not a very good natural harbour, Tapan Chronicle.

THE JAPANESE TRAINING SQUADRON.

ANOTHER START UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

The Japan Chronicle of and inst. rep sts :-The training squadron consisting of the three boats Itsukushima, Matsushima and Hashidate weighed anchor at Yokosuka on Thursday, as previously arranged, bound for Yokohama. Mr. Stepharius expressed the thanks of the. A fierce gale was raging at the 'time and the sea was so very rough that it looked as if a start would be almost impossible. However, culties with which they had had to contend, all the men were anxious to get away, for these vessels, it will be remembered, had to put back before on account of bad weatherand they proceeded to make the necessary thanks of the members to the donors and to the preparations, regardless of the dangers and Doutsche-Asiatische Banks for their financial risks. Two sailors, while working on deck, were carried by the force of the gale; and it was thought that they would be lost. But according to the 14th article of the Commercial | they would not only enjoy those festivities, but | fortunately, after a great deal of difficulty, the sailors were rescued by means of a rope and a boat. At 1.20 p.m. the Hashidate made a turn All present then adjourned to the main dining of 180 degrees and then slowly started out, the notified the Powers with whom the new com- room, where they were welcomed by the strains other two vessels immediately following. The mercial treaty has not been settled to this of the Bridal March from " Lobengrin," played scene is described as magnificent, the three effect, and most of them have agreed. Great by the Town Band under the direction of Herr | yessels majestically moving away, the angry Britain is requested to consent to the actual | Buck. A substantial cold luncheon was pre- sea dashing against them; while all the men pared on long tables across the room, and more aboard upited in singing inspiriting war-songel

THE HONGKONG COMPANIES ORDINANCES

REPRESENTATIVE MEETING AT SHANGHAL

As was briefly indicated in our yesterday's issue, reports the N. C. D. News of oth inst. a meeting of the representatives of British Companies in Shanghai was held on Thursday at a Inkee Road to consider the proposal of the Hongkong Government strictly to enforce the provisions of the Companies Ordinance. The tist of those present and the Companies they represent was as follows; Mr. J. C. Hahson, representing Kalee Lid.

ing Co., Kochien Cargo, Boat Co., J. Llewellyn & Co, and Shanghai Land investment Co.; Mr. Shanghai Electric and Asbestos Co. and Kinng. A representative of the Governor of Tsingtan | so Coal and Iron . o., Mr. J. E. Blugham, Voelthen expressed the regret of His Excellency | kel and Schrooder, Ld., and Shanghai, Times and sport and Gossip, Ld.; Mr. L., W. Jebb After a song "Der Deutsche-Lied," contri- Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co. Ld.: and Lemaire, Shanghai Tanning Co., Ld.; Mr. F. A. Cumming, Yangtsze Insurance Assn., Ld. Mr. C. A. Skinner, Vulcan Iron Works Co., Lo.; Mr. Geo McBain, Shanghal Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ld.; Mr. E. F. Bateman, Sarawang Rubber Estate Co., Ld.; Mr. W. J. N. Dyer, Shanghai Tug and Lighter Co., Ld.; Mr. C. Rieveley, China Land and Finance Co.: Mr. F. C. heffer, The Astor House Hotel Co., Ld., Mr. J. E. Trueman, Weeks & Co., A.d.; Mr. W. V. Drummond and L. Kerr, Perak Sugar Cultivating Co., Ld.; Mr. A. W. Burkill and Mr. R. N. Macleod, Applo-French Land, Invastment Co., Ld.; Mr. G. K. Wingrove, Shanghai Gas Co.; Mr. W. S. Davidson, Shangaai Building Investment Co., Ld ; Mr. W. Schaff, China Flour Mill Co. and Scharffs Oil and Bone Mill Co.: Mr. E.K. Poner, E.L. Poner & Co., Ld.; Mr. L. K. Burkhardt, Hotel des Colonies, Ld.; Mr. H. von Rucker, Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co.; Mr. D. W. Urawford and Mr. J. Ambrose. Lane Crawford & Co., Ld.; Mr. J. D. Clark. Shanghai Mercury, Ld, Hall and Holtz, Ld, and Sin Wan Pao, Ld. ; Mr. A. J. Hughes and Mr. J. A. Wattie, China Mutual Life Insurance Co.; Mr. Hayward, Hall and Holtz, Ld.: Mr. C. L. Seitz, China import and Exput. Lumber Co., Ld.; Mr. A. H. Brooks, Weeks & Co. and Mr. F. E. Schnorr, A. Butler Cement and Tile

> The Chairman, in outlining the circumstarces in which the meeting came to be called. said that companies in Shanghai, deriving benefit from the protection of British law would probably not be unwilling to pay something for that protection; they did so siready, in fact, through the fies charged on incorporation. Even an increase of contribution might not necessarily raise a protest, but what was objected to was the method now proposed to that end, namely, by the charging of stamp duties on trai fors. Any such charge must caure great in contenience and dissatisfaction in Shanghai, If such duties had to be collected it-would be more convenient no doubt to have t done through a Hongkong Government office in Shanghai, but to admit the right of what, after all, must be considered a Foreign Government to establish such a tex office in the Settlement would open up possibilities of the establichment of dangerous piecedents. On the other hand if the share registers were to be kept in Hongkong it would be necessary on the death of any shareholder that administration of the catate should be taken out in Hongkong, and often the estate would have to pass' through the hands of the official administrator, thus involving additional and heavy fees. The difficulty might be met by the passing of on Ordinance on lines of the Colonial Registers Act of 1813, to permit companies with head offices out of Hongkong to take out licences authorizing them to keep their share register at those head offices. A fee could be charged for such licences and it should be provided that except in the cases of shareholders domiciled in Hongkong the shares should not be regarded as Hongkong assets. The matter affected a very large number of companies and it was to be hoped therefore that before taking final action the Hongkong Government could be induced to consider carefully the objections that had been raised.

Mr. R. N. Macleod read the draft of a petition he had prepared to be sent to the Hongkong Government, which in substance as ed Government to take no further action in the matter, pending the dispatch of a more detailed statement of the situation, setting forth the issues and circumstances of the matter.

.Mr. W.V. Drummond, in a long speech, went into the independent action taken by the North China Insurance Company many years ago. This company approached the Foreign Office, on the advice of Mr. Wright, who was then legal adviser to the Treasury, and later became Judge of the Supreme Court and attempted to procure the issuance of an Order in Council to enable the business and formalities in connexion with the incorporation of companies to be put through in Shanghai. Mr. Wright prepared a draft of an Order in Council to meet the case, and at the last moment the Foreign Office took exception to the proposal on the ground that there were so many shareholders of different nationalities in Shanghai Companies that if the Order were carried into effect it might lead to complications. All

China Insurance Company, and they would doubtless be of great assistance in dealing with the present situation: Mr. Drummond then proposed that a Committee be appointed to go into the whole question and report to a second meeting to be held at a later date.

the documents relating to the matter were

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The following gentlemen were elected to serve on the Committee, with power to add to their number :- Messrs. W. V. Drummond. I. C. Hanson, H. R. Kinnear, E. C. Pearce, and a representative from Messrs. Jardine, Matheson

A vote of thanks to Mr. Hanson for acting as Chairman was proposed by Mr. Pearce, and the meeting then terminated.

LEAGUE TABLE.

The following is the League Table up to

Craigengower ......13 Hongkong Police ..... 72 Civil Service ......10 H.K.C,C."A" .....11 Kowloon ...... 7 R. G. A. manifestion 7 

Royal Engineers ........... 3 points win. I point ma draw,

Another Chipese New Year has como and Hene, and the general consensus of opinion is that, the celebrations, passed off, more quietly, and almost with lodifference, than in any romembered year. Teue, Young China cagerly awaited the hour officially appointed, on, Tuesday evening when they might, with impunity, and impunity from police-or any other-interference, commence the fire-cracker fusilades which their, beart loveth, and on the minute

CHINBSE NEW YEAR

the figing began, all over the Colony, the racket being such as almost to give the timid newarrival and atmnger within our gates, the idea that the city was under bombardment by an tinknown enemy. Thus was ushered in Chinese New Year, and in two hours the streets had all the appearance of a p! gue; of red locusts having passed over the Golody, the joss-paper being, everywhe infievidence, in great, piles, which those for siding in the shops and houses in front which they were piled refused to allow to be swept up until after the Chinese New Year," which had become a sort of, by word-an era from which all things were to date. In the evening the usual Baraar was opened

along Bonham Strand and Jervois Street, but while the usual crowds, drawn from all communities, in the Colony, flocked to the scene, both before and after dinner, they were somewhat disappointed with the displays on the stalls, which could in no way compare with those of past years, nor were the stalls themselves as | Street. . He became so interested in the per-Among those visiting the Bakaar at night

towards the little ones. At one of the stalls one case of robbery is on the books. the delighted amazement of the two little | go about long-coatless during the holidays! maids, presented one to each. Then, indeed, they went on their way rejolcing, while the look on their faces was His Excellency's reward. Business did not appear to be very brisk, and the familiar figure of paterfamilias, laden down with packages of all sorts of queer shapes and size, quite one of the features of the Bazaars in former years, was conspicuous by its absence. Late in the evening many residents from the Peak paid a flying visit to the scene, but apparently finding nothing attractive, did not stop long. But the night was not topass without its amusing incidents-amusing, that is, to the onlookers, but the reverse to the unfortunate victims. Near a sweet stall below the fire station was a huge tub of what looked like batta; in readiness for making more cakes, which were selling as fast as the vendor could cook them. At the side were standing two or three gaily-dressed Chinese girls, waiting their turn to purchase some of the good things, with their money held ready in their hands. Suddenly there was a splash and a shout, and a general drawing-back of the crowd, for into that tub of flour and eggs had been pushed-whether by accident or design nobody but the culprit, if there was one. knew-one of the little girls, pink silk jacket, heliotrope silk trousers and all | The crowd, of New Year was completely spoiled.

the calendar stall when a very small boy running | Li's pals, loyal friends and true, jumped on the of the Stlesia, entertained at tiffin Mr. J. J. | couragement with disappointment, such as is away from a bigger one in pursuit tripped and District Watchman, who would have got very Leirin, Vice-Consul for Portugal, together, with inevitable in almost every enterprise; but as fell, his head in some unaccountable manner | much the worse for his zeal in endeavouring to | the. Captain, First, Lieutenant, and Doctor, of | those directly concerned in the management of pitching between the legs of a stool, on which a buxom old dame was taking her been for P. C. Purden who came up, and with- sides the returning officers, when the satisfaction rather than the reverse; it might be of the mild earthquake, she seized the imp. Central Police Station, there to await the ed to be in the best of health and spirits, put bim across her knee, and administered to him a sound smacking on that part the anatomy which is used to support the bod; when resting.

.At midnight the stalls were close until the next day, and very soon the place was in darkness, save for the street lamps. Yesterday the Bazaar and the general festivities connected with the senson came to an end with the general exchange of social visits in the day-time, and theatrical performances at night: During the two days, the s.s. Tai On, now lying at Wanchai for some superstructural repairs, and many Chinese owned craft in the harbour hung out their bunting in honour of the day and of the season. To-day all was as usual; shops and hongs, which had been hermetically sealed during the past two days, threw wide their doors, in preparation to enter upon another year's business of trade and drudgery.

WATER RETURN.

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Wong-nei-chong 1,703,000 168,220,000 . 313,470,000 Consumption of water in the City of Victoria and Hill District during the month of January,

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Consumption,...107,210,000 108,509,000 gallons Estimated population .. Consumption? per head per } ;

Main Districts during the whole month of der a wall which fell down upon him while he July 1st, 1905, and ending on January, 1st last, pared for them among a people whose is brought by the captain against the ship and upon their subordinates the importance of doing lanuary, 1906, and in the Rider Main Districts: during the whole month of January, 1907.

during the month of January. 1000. Consumption ... 14.589,000 20,740,000 gallons Estimated population ...

Consumption) per head per day..... Supply for new Gravitation Works commen-

ced 24th December, 1906. The Government Analyst reports that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHATHAN, .Water Authority. NEW YBAR PILIBRINGS. CRIMINALS ON A HOLIDAY.

There was an unusually small number of cases to be disposed of at the Police Court this morning, considering that no business has been done for the last two days-Chinese New Year holidays. It is, however, pleasing learn that but for a few pick-pockets nothing of a serious nature has transpired during the holidays, according to the police records, I this is any criterion it would appear to the or dinary man that the Chinese new Year has brought with it a wave of peace, but a police officer who knows, Hongkong and its criminals thinks otherwise. "The people are enjoying themselves too much now to think of committing crime as yet," he stated. The more serious offences, which consisted of pocket cutting committed during the two days under review came directly under the notice of the police in the Central district." The first case, to be reported occurred in Hollywood Road shortly before two o'clock on Wednesday morning. when " 'ui Sam Up, a "boy" employed 'in the Hongkong Hotel, had his coat pocket cut and a purse containing a little over \$9 stolen. The next person to be victimized was a cook, employed at the Central Police Station: " He went out for a stroll yesterday afternoon and drifted into a crowd that was gazing at a dragon ceremony which was being enacted in Cochrane formance that he 'did not notice that his pocket was being carved. The thief, who, were. His Excellency the Governor. Sir apparently, was a new hand at the game, Matthew Nathan, K.C.M.G.; accompanied by allowed the cook's purse, which contained the Captain Coleman, A.D.C., who strolled through large sum of forty cents, to fall, and that brought the Bazaar inspecting everything and making | the cook to his bearings. In each case an armany purchases. And here, once again, was | rest was made and conviction followed at the exhibited the kindly spirit of His Excellency | Magistracy this morning. At West-Point only His Excellency suddenly observed by his side was where a flat at No. 145, Third Street, two bashful little Chinese maidens, who were occupied by a table "boy," was entered on the looking at some Japanese mechanical boats, night of the 12th instant, and a long silk coat with wistful longing eyes, but the price of which, it was alleged, he borrowed for the hol them was far and away above anything they days was stolen. The thief was caught and dared ever dream of possessing. Noticing the long coat recovered, but that did not lessen their wistful looks, as they continued to gaze | the "boy's" worries a bit, as the police held on at the coveted treasures. His Excellency, with- to the long coat to use as evidence against the out a word, purchased the two boats, and to prisoner, and the poor "boy" was compelled to

A FACTION FIGHT.

HIGH STREET V. THIRD STREET.

By way of celebrating the close of the Chin-

ese New Year festivities, the residents of High Street declared war upon those of Third Street, and preparations were made for a bellicose time. There were no financial difficulties to be encountered, no war loans to be raised; éach party was ready and prepared "to take the field" and did so. They were both amply supplied with munitions of war, and decided that the contest should take the form of a "battle of bombs." It did. For a while yesterday notthing could be heard in the vicinity of the battlefield but the barsting of the bombs, and the ear-splitting cat-calls of derision on the part of either side as the opponent's bombs fell harmless and futile. But in the mèlee a neutral party got hurt, and that party, one Li Kun, resented it. | way to Lisbon via ports, she had on board, a Seeking revenge he caught up a brick lying conveniently to his hand, and flung it at the man whose bomb had hurthim-or his feelings-and, of course, he hit the wrong man, and straight in course, laughed and jeered, but it was no the eye at that! Then there were hot times for laughing matter for the youngster, whose some ten minutes, until District Watchman was arrested a lukong from the Central Station, and he was sent before the Captain Superintendent of Police, to be dealt with departmentally.

In consequence of all this disturbance Inspector Collett sent out twelve men in plain clothes with instructions to arrest all and sundry whom they caught throwing bombs. As a result seven men were arrested, having been caught in the very act of continuing the dangerous practice. They were also placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland, charged with dis orderly conduct; at nine o'clock last night, and were fined \$3 each. Several Chinese gentlemen complained that they had had their long silk coats burned by these bombs-but with a seasonable magnanimity, they did not ask for compensation."

> GREAT FIRE AT KOBE. MITSUI CODOWNS DESTROYED.

DANGERS OF SPONTANEOUS COMBUSTION.

On Sunday morning (27th ult.) soon after five o'clock, fire broke out in the godowns of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha, Higashidecho, t-chome, w | Kobe, and three large godowns, and six sheds, together with the whole of the contents-consisting of foreign rice, ship's masts, Soja beans, bean-cake and oil-cake-were destroyed. The losses are estimated at over Y100,000, The conflagration was extinguished shortly after 7 a.m. but for some hours-later dense volumes of smoke continued to rise from the debris. The godowns which were burnt down covered, an area of 237 tsubo, while the sheds destroyed

covered 754 tsubo. Along the wooden fence which stood between the newly-built godowns and the older build- Seattle or San Francisco, ings, three straw bags of lime had been heaped up. These bags of lime had been exposed to the weather and it is presumed that during the rain on Friday they got wet, with the result-that-the mixture of lime and water set fire to some inflammable goods near by andiled to the disaster. A fireman, second in command of the brigade attached to the Hyogo police,

getic work rendered by the H, ogo fire brigade, | to the sum of about Y586,360,000. whose services were nugmented by the steam-

Owing to the character of the goods which number 12 companies with capital added to fish phrpose, they will take high place among is the general question, as to whether the years. Let there be no subterfugas to deceive were burnt, the most abvortious adours pro- the extent of Yours 813. Two companies the regenerating forces at work in the Empire. valled in the neighbourhood during and after have issued debentures since January 4th, For they will have helped to produce a body. thereabouts. - Josen Chronicle.

INHUMAN GRAND DAME

BEATS GRANDCHILD'S CORPSE. Man's inhumanity to man is a theme around which many a threnody has been woven, but who, with the utmost stretch of imagination, could have conceived the actual existence of woman's inhumanity to childhood, right here in our, midst, such'as was brought to light as the result of a case which came before Mr. F. A. Harcland, presiding at the Magistracy, this morning. The charge, which resulted in this revolting revelation, was one of, dumping the body of a Chinese female child, aged 12 years, at the junction of High Street and Western Street, West out, the accused persons being a Chinese widow, and a coolie. The details are somewhat sordid. appears that the girl's father took a trip abroad," several years ago, leaving his wife and child in the care of his wife's mother, the woman now charged. Some time having c'apsed, and there being no signs of the seturn of the husband, the wife, took unto herself another. "good man" and with him cloped, leaving the child with her grandmother. The latter took care of, and brought up, the little one until she reached the age of twelve years. A few days ago, however, the child was taken ill, and after a brief illness, she died. Then the wrath of the grandmother became uncontrollable-she had had all the responsibility and expense of bringing up the child, and now when she was arriving at an age when she might be of some use to her grandmother, and, so make some return for all the care and trouble bestowed upon her, she must needs go and die! It was too bud; it was too wicked of the child. Then, letting the fury of her feelings have full sway, she seized a frying the face and head, until her fury was at last spent, and the pan fell from her nerveless hands. Having thus vented the full force of her | the purchase of materials. fury the old dame called a coolie, and between them they carried the little body to the locality mentioned and there quietly dumped it, to be found and removed by whospever might make the discovery and encompass the removal, without further trouble to the old dame herself. But she was not to have things quite all her own way, for all unknown to her, from the shadows of the nearby lane, an Indian constable was watching the proceedings. But the constable watched and took in the situation at a glance, and when the dumping had been actually accom-

H. A. L. S.S. "SILESIA" TAKES TROOPS TO LISBON.

plished, and not till then, he stepped forth

and arrested the pair of ghouls. They were

this morning placed before Mr. F. A. Haze-

land, at the Magistracy, and charged, at the

instance of Inspector Collett, with dumping a

dead body, having removed, the same without

a permit. The charges were proved against

the pair and they were sentenced to pay a fine

of \$25 each, with the usual alternative. The

cause of the death of the child was certified

to be malaria.

When the Hamburg Amerika Linie's s.s. Silevia left the harbour this afternoon on her number of Portuguese time-expired men who are returning to their homeland after their term of service in Macao. These troops comprise three officers, including the Colonel, 21 second class, and 204 men, third class, all of whom arrived from Macao by the river boat and tran-

case, while waiting for more victims. The out any ado, seized and arrested Li and his usual complimentary toasts were hon- considered that for the outside public there is jar nearly unseated her, and seeing the cause | two supporters, and marched them off to the oured. The returning troops appear nothing left but to applaud. award of the presiding Magistrate, Mr. F. A. seemed delighted at the idea of being on their Hazeland, when he took his seat on the Bench | way to the "Old Country" again. Early in this morning. Li Kun, the brick-thrower, was the afternoon the Silesia steamed out of the charged with disorderly behaviour, and was harbour, the returning troops setting up fined \$3, his chums being charged with resist- ringing cheers as the vessel left her moorings, ing the police in the execution of their duty, which were responded to by, friends who had. and fined \$5 each. Among the crowd also been to see them off, and who waited in the launches to see the vessel make a start.

> IAPANESE FLOATING EXHIBITION ...

Acting on the idea of American business merchandise, to show the people of the coast cities of the United States, Mexico, Central and South American states what Japan produces.

The officers of the Minnesota have not learned what steamship had been secured other than it was a vessel of more than 7,000 tons. It is coast ports and showing business men, and

what Japan can produce. originated in New York several years ago, but ! fell through. An effort was made in Scattle last year to have the project carried through, for themselves, but nothing was done. At the present time there is a vessel being fitted out in Liverpool which will tour the world loaded with the products of England for the express purpose of promoting trade and showing to the world

what the nation can do. As to what American port will be the first touched by the sample ship is unknown as ye but those on the liner state that it will be cithe

NEW ENTERPRISES IN JAPAN. ENORMOUS, INCREASE.

the Quaka Asahi the number of new companies | marvels of the nineteenth century were

New enterprises promoted since January 4th | Chinese Jore, a parrot-like acquaintance with ship Boango belonging to the Water Police, this year include 101 concerns with a capital Shakespeare. But if our Anglo-Chinese colwhich vessel brought a powerful, pump into amounting to Y22,550,845 and those which leggs give the incentive to a desire for learning Y3,901,800. Johan Chronicle,

ROWLOUN-GADION, RAILWAY LOAN AGREEMENT

SANCTIONED BY IMPERIAL EDICT.

We are informed by Messrs. Jarding, Matheion' &! Co. joint agents with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for the British. and Chinese Corporation, Ltd., that by a telegram from Peking they learn that an Imperial Edict has been issued annetioning the Agreement with the British and Ciffoes Corporation for the construction of the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway.

According to the Universal Gazette, the terms of the loan for the proposed Kowloon-Canton railway embody the following important points:---

(r) The loan to be £1,500,000 guaranteed by mortgage of the Kowloon-Canton Railway. (2) £94 to be paid for every £100. (3) Interest on same to be at the rate of

per cent, per annum, same to commence on data of issue of the Bonds. (4) A single track to be first constructed, but the road bed to be widened so as to be prepared for the construction of a double track, (5). Work on the road to be started within

eight months, failing which the Agreement will

(6) The Head Office of the proposed Rail. way to be in Canton. The Vicercy of Kwang tung and Kwangsi to appoint a Director who shall be assisted by a British Engineer-in-Chief and a British Manager. "

(7) The staff of the Company to receive pan, and with it beat the poor dead child over \$25,000 as remuneration during the time agreed upon for the construction of the Rail. way. The said sum being the commission; for

(8) The sum of Licoo to be paid the Company each year; payment of which will cease upon repayment of the whole loan, (9) The loan is to be for fifty years. Interest

only on same to be paid for the space of twelve and a half, after which both principal and interest to be paid in instalments. (10) The Viceroy of the two Kwang pro-

vinces will arrange separate terms with regard to the joining together of the Cauton line to that of the Kowloon line.

FOREIGN SCHOOLS IN CHINA.

At this season of the year in Shanghai public interest is sought by those English and American institutions which have for their purpose the instruction on occidental lines of the coming generation of Chinese. Several of these schools and colleges have had their closing exercises or prize-givings within the past few days, and others will follow within the next week. Some of comparatively old foundation and others of quite recent establishment, their reports, nevertheless, will agree generally on several points. They will tell the paipable facts of diligence and enthusiasm, which constitute, according to western notions, almost precocity on the part of the scholars and will add the consequent, though party counter-acting, fact that there is always the possibility that students will lay down their studies exactly at the critical moment, and from pique or the irresistible allurement of attrac-Tive employment or merely from whim or vanity interrupt, even if they do not put a definite No. 6 came up and seized Li, and was marching | shipped here this morning to the on-carrying | period to, endeavours, which might have borne Another ludicrous incident was witnessed near | him to the Central Police Station, when two of troopship. Before leaving this port the captain | fruit. There will be thus a blending of ensecure the maintenance of peace, had it not the Postuguese gunboat Rio Lima, ber the institutions will almost certainly express

> The circumstance, however, that a considerable section of Young China, is either passing through, or clamouring to enter, these foreigndirected schools, which are to be found in all. the greater cities of the Empire, raises an inevitable question as to the influence the education, there impatted will have upon the future of the nation. A very great responsibility, which we are sure is fully appreciated by those concerned, rests upon the instructors in Anglo-Chinese schools and colleges. They are receiving a very eager welcome, not from officialdom, but from the people themselves, Their case and opportunity are very different, from those of the scholars of the Eastern men, Japanese commercial houses, under the rimpire, whose dispersal over Europe, auspices of a guild of Yokohama exporters, are when their imperial city fell, inaugurated to sent to the Pacific coast a 5, 00 ton the modern time in which the West steamship, loaded with samples, of Japanese | rejoices. The erudito refugees of the fifteenth century, who conquered the intellects of wider realm than in their sheltered security they had dreamed of, did not set out conscious. The news of the scheme was brought by ly to spread far and wide the treasures won by officers of the steamship Minnesota. They I their patient toil. The lamp of knowledge to stated that all the exporters of Yokohama were I them was something sacred to be ministered backing the plan and that in that city it is meet- I to by those who were approved worthy. That ing with the highest approval. The company is | it should even be set on a hill to illuminate a now capitalised at 50,000 yen and the work of people was as remote from their ideals, as it securing the samples is going ahead rapidly. was from those of the people among whom they were cast to seek to possess themselves of Thus knowledge was pursued for the sake of knowledge; any practical application was the be out ten months, touching at all of the Pacific | result more or less of accident, or of the working of time. And under such conditions, the sum representatives of Eastern commercial houses | the world's learning increased, as it still increases to-day, in the-laboratory or the study, The idea of sending out a floating exposition | but not in the school-room, where all that can be done is to prepare the minds of those who will hereafter make research and experiment

The educational problem is complicated for China by the desire that the student's attainment shall have an immediately practical result, apart from the drilling of the mental. faculties in the way that muscles are strengthened by gymnastics. The English language, we fancy, is studied because it is the chief medium of speech with the outer world and has a commercial value, rather than because it enshrines a great and elevating literature. In mediaval Europe Latin and Greek were sentinels to the learned professions certainly, but had no further. extrinsic value. Latin was the lingua franca of culture not of business, and it is on intellectual livered the following judgment. culture that the greatness of the western -N. C. D. News.

WUCHUW NOTES WRICK OF STEAM LAUNCH "HONG-NING!

Wuchow, 11th February. News is to hand of the wreck of the steamnunch Hong-sing, a small stern-whooler runing a passenger trade between here and Nan-The Captain of the Kim Heat, another deck, but owing to all of them rushing to bue zo have survived the disaster and give harrowother life-saving apparatus on board, and was | this, simply overcrowded. One of the crew states that the loss of life would not have been so Then there is the case of the letter from two great, if the passengers had not lost their heads | captains regarding plaintiff a navigation in the and rushed to one side of the ship causing her Peilio. As Mr. Sander very fairly put it you to heel over. PIRACY RUMOUR.

The party consists of Mr. M. Neubrun, assistant in the Indoor Staff, and family, and also 3 other as the seriousness of it, if true, can be imagined. The party went up under the escort of tion, for particulars verifying how much truth there is in this rumour.

"FOR WAYS THAT ARE DARK," Chinese merchants are having some unusual experiences since the opening of Nanning. The following two instances are quoted. A number of merchants hired a junk and loaded her with miscel'aneous foreign import goods for Nanning. The junk was duly despatched but on failing. to arrive in Nanning, inquiries were set afoot and the merchants then found to their sorrow that the junk master having died enroute, the crew disposed of the cargo to all and sundry buyers at any odd figure, and with the proceeds quitted and flitted to their own happy homes there to celebrate the Chinese new year in manner dignified and becoming. The lunk an old one) was left to its own devices at a small village. The poor merchants are now wondering what their next move will be. Another merchant despatched a lot of kerosene oil to Kwei Yuen. On arrival there he handed over to the consignee half the original quantity shipped. Inquiries as to what had become of the missing half of the cargo elicited the bland reply that "it was sold to buy rice, which had run short." The Kwei Yuen magistrate is now investigating the case, and his decision is eagerly looked forward to by the owner of the

E. B. HAYES V. S.S. "CULMORE.

From the Shan hai Times of 6th inst, we reproduce the concluding report of the care of Capt. E. B. Hayes against the s.s. Culmore, the result of which was given in a special telegram. in these co umns last week :--

At H.B M. Supreme Court yesterday morning before Sir Havilland de Sausmarez, Judge, the case of Capt. E. B. Hayes versus the s.s. Culmore or the proceeds thereof was continued. Mr. R. R. Gregson appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. ! . F. P. Jones for the defendants.

In cross-examination Dong Ting Kee said that on 22nd December he did not give the captain a list of repairs necessary or an order for new articles to clean the ship. The captain gave witness the reference paper on 27th December and wanted witness to sign the document to get other employment, saying that the more papers he got, the better chance he had of getting other employment.

By the Court :- plaintiff was discharged because he did not navigate the ship properly because witness could not get any more business. All the business of the steamer was done n Shanghai.

Recalled: the plaintiff was dismissed on 22nd December.

· Captain Nellson, now in command of the s.s Culmore, gave evidence as to the difficulties in going up the Yangtze without pilots, as to the delays and difficulties in enchoring at Taku when witness was chief officer under the plaintiff's command.

A, Sander of Sander Weiler and Co., agents for the s.s. Culmore, stated that he learnt in December last from Dong Ting Kee of many, complaints about the plaintiff, as coptain and mentioned that the captain saw him on 22nd. and 27th December as to a claim for three months' wages. Witness told plaintiff he had always been treated fairly, but his duties had not been done satisfactority, and that the matter might be settled out of Court. The Company owned only this one ship and intended vention of the opium habit we may state that to sell same.

By. His Lordship:-There' were no British subjects interested in the ship. . Mr. Jones said there might be one. Britisher

nations has been made firm. Hygienics, sani- properly brought on the Admiralty side of the that opium divans in the provinces be abolish-According to a careful investigation made by tation, bridge-building, all the mechanical Court is one into which I need not go. I wish ed and closed inaccordance with the new regula-Intermittent supply in Eastern and Rider was serjously injured through being crushed un- inaugurated during the period beginning on possible because the way had been pre- argument and I form no opinion. The action morsand Tariar Generals of provinces to improper to express no opinion on it as I have had no | tions. We hereby command the Viceroys, Goyerstood on the roof of an adjoining building, reaches the enormous total of 2,328, with a industrial and civic leaders had been bied he in substance asks for damages for wrongful their duty in this connexion with diffeence and Several firemen went to his assistance, and capital of Y426,026,263, while established con- to the classics. China herself, in the defences raised by Mr. Jones energy. To abolish in earnest the practice of Consumption of water in Kowloon Peninsula. when found he was unconscious. He was at cerns which during the period under review have monumental solidarity of her, history as a are three; first, that the dismissal is justified; opiom consumption, it is most; necessary to once taken to the Okumi Hospital, where he increased their capital comprise 63 companies, nation, exemplifies the strength of simple second, that he (plaintiff) accepted his dismissal; clear out the source of supply and this is the lies in a precarious condition. Another fire- the amount of increased capitals aggregating scholarship. But hitherto the aim and end of and third, that there was no necessity for notice. prohibition of the cultivation of the poppy man was almost crushed by a falling walf, but Y121,611,920; besides which 26 companies have study has been made the attainment of official As regards the plaintiff accepting the dismissal plant, We, therefore, look to the said Viceroys, issued debentures to the amount of Y38,729,592, rank, and its scope has been limited accord- I do not think that that has been proved; cer- Governors and Tartar Generals of provinces to The fire would have spread but for the ener- thus bringing the grand total of new capital up ingly. It will achieve no useful object to sub- tainly very shortly after he understood that pay diligent attention to the regulations, sangstitute for this interested delving in dry as dust his services would be no longer required, he | tioned by the Throne, namely, the gradual in fact asked both Dong Ting-kee and Mr. annual reduction of the area devoted to the Sander for three months wages and in one cultivation of the poppy plant, so that the procase for his passage home, so that I do not duction of foreign, as well as native, opinm may have increased their cap tal during that time for learning's sake and, not for any mere sel- think that plea can prevail. Then there entirely cease within the stated limit of ten captain is entitled to notice. I think us in the matter, so that we may attein our the general principle on which a man is greatest desire to protect from harm and show. the fire, much to the discomfort of residents the total amount of those debentures totalling of thinkers, who will lead the nation to action, entitled to some notice has not been in any, kindness to our subjects by stamping out a way controverted by the arguments which I deep-seated and dangerous habit.

have heardy and withinky that if a dismissaling wronging a man in the position of master of one of the steamers plying on this coast is ber tainly entitled to some notice. As to what notice unless there is some custom in the port, which certainly has not been proved in this case, though it may exist—this is a question to be determined in each particular case and depends upon the general facts. Now as small passenger launch, reports that the Hong. to whether this dismissal was justified or not ning struck a rock between here and Kuan we have various complaints as to the faulty How. The passengers all made a rush on navigation on the part of the plaintiff of this vessel, The case of running ashore at the side the launch simply turned turtle and went | East Promontory is one point; the complaints down. Latest reports to hand, state that over of two other masters navigating that extremely 100 lives have been lost. Some 30 bodies have difficult river the Peibo-is another, and the been washed ashore on the beach near Kuan fact that he touched the bottom on three How, whilst others were carried away by the occasions between Nanking and Kinking is de and have not yet been recovered. The another. Then, there is the complaint of Hong-wing left Wuchow for Nanning about five his navigation in the Gulf of Pechili. days ago, with about 140 lives on board. About on his journey, from Taku to News chwang, and others, which I think, may be ing accounts of the scene. Those who sur- generally taken as covered by the comvived describe the foundering of the vessel as plaint of the charterers as to delay in navigabeing very audden, and that they managed to lion, owing to unskilfulness, or want of swim to the banks, with the help of some of knowledge. As regards the running on the wooden wreckage. The passengers were shore plaintiff himself has explained that the of the peasant class, and were returning to engines of the ship did not go, astern at, once their homes for the Chinese New Year holl- and it certainly seems to me that one engineer days. This sad news has cast a gloom over who cannot always be below-as is the case if the natives here, who consider it as a very bad | there is only one engineer on board-is likely omen, in view of the close proximity of the to lead to confusion and possible mishaps. I new year. The Hong-ning had no boats or cannot find that the captain is to blame for This is a British ship or supposed to be one

never quite know which of these captains willsay most against the other, but always seem to Our small foreign community was rather think the other one is in the wrong and startled yesterday with the report that the doesn't seem to attach very much importcustoms staff who left Wuchow for Napping, ance to this particular dispute. And then a fortnight ago, were pirated between Kuan there is the question of touching the bottom Hau and Kwei Yuen. As no official news has near. Nanking and the explanation given been received by the Customs the foreigners by the captain, that the pilot did not are treating it as a mere canaid, but the come on board though he waited three Chinese seem to believe and credit the report. hours, seems to me at all events to deprive the It is hard to trace the origin of this rumour, defendants of unreasonableness. I don't think and in the meanwhile great anxiety is shown he acted wrongly; no harm happened; there, by the friends of those who went to Nanning. | was certain delay, and it is a question of exercise of discretion. Then there remain the comexaminer. Mr. Scheck who is a native clerk | plaints of the charterers, Those seem to me in the aggregate to be somewhat serious but at the native employees, with their families. The same time I do think that when the plaintiff above party left together in three houseboats or approached the defendant's agents here he was junks on the 27th of January, and no news has at once told that the ship was going been received from them since they left. It is to be sold and that Mr. Dong Ting-kee to be hoped that the above is only a rumour, | gave him notice; that fact alone would very much strengthen the plaintiff's case or weaken that of the defendants, and then 'on the top of an armed body of soldiers, as pirates in the this I have this reference which was signed by Kuan Hau district have lately been very Mr. Dong Ting-kee. I cannot say that I was active and energetic. | elegrams have been | entirely satisfied with the way the plaintiff gave sent to Kwei Yuen, the rearest Telegraph Sta- his evidence about this, but at the same time I must point out; it is an extremely serious thing to certify to the conduct of a master and to the reason for discharging him which is not entirely in accordance with the facts, Mr. Dong Ting-kee could have had this explained to him. He chooses to put his chop upon it on behalf of the Ching Dah ! teamship Company, as managing owner, without any such explanation being given to him. If he chooses to do that he must be held responsible at all events for what he has done. He might be recommending somebody who is entirely unfit for recommendation as a master and he might put a stead er or vessel into very considerable danger in consequence of giving recommendation which would induce the owner of that steamer to take an incompetent master. A man has no right to sign a document of this kind like that, and I should assume under those circumstances—I think

ought to assume—that this has no been signed in the absolutely half-hearted way which he says he signed it. At all events if it was he must take the consequence of having done so and he has given his reason to discharging the plaintiff in consequence, of his requiring his services no longer as the ship. I for sale. Taking all the facts into consideration-although there, were these, complaints and although they may, and probably did to very great extent weigh with Mr. Dong Tings kee-I find that on the whole the disprissal was not justified. Then comes the question of damages and I must bear in mind the nature of this vessel, of which there has been no evidence to show that the master, had been long in, the employ of this company, before. The plaintiff had only been in the service, a few months and under those circumstances il shall allow him \$500, \$250 is his monthly salary and he was engaged the first of the month and there is a certain amount left in December, so that I will allow him damages for January, and February and the remainder of December

which comes to something like \$500. His I ordship added he might mention in this particular case brought to his notices that this vessel, which was not owned by an individual British aubject, that it was acquestion whether it was entiled to bain British ship at all. He referred to section ly B. of the Mate chant Shipping Act which laid down that in Body Corporate must have its particular place. of business at the place of registration land from the evidence before him it seemed to him, prima facie, that the particular place of position of this company might be Hong. kong but was in fact Shanghai. This was a. matter which he should certainly have to bring to"the notice of the proper authority, namely,

the Consul-General. Mr. Jones having pointed out that the plaintiff Company had complied with the Hongkong Ordinances His Lordship said that this did not the necessarily make the s.s. Culmore a British ship and after considering the question; he would centainly bring it to the notice of the Board of Trace.

THE PRIVENTION OF THE OPIUM HABIT.

The following Imperial decree dated Peking th inst , appea a in the N. C. D. News; With reference to the memorial of the Ministry of the Interior regarding the universal proowing to the great harm the drug does, to our people, we had already is ged on a former occasion our decree that opium must be strick ly probibited and a certain limit of time allow for the complete abolition of its use aroongst After addresses by Counsel His Lordship de- the people, of the Empire. The memorialists advocate that, branches of the anti-opium The question as to whether this action is society be distributed as widely as possible and

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Hat Wille Fram has been received at You Hama Announcing the Bouth ar the Hales Liff (R. Alto Art Agit Known But Cappain Liddle, who was boly thing six years by his of which the the years with the "Shire" Philippines when Sinclair, is alleged to have de libe Anany's Capillin' of the Penibrokeiner, Bubbeedebildille Wile an Port Withur on Busi HEREIGI SHIP THE THE THE THIS SHIP TOTTERS IN the time of the bombardment by the Japanese at the commencement of the late wat, when With Aller ton company with ne had to make a Kurfled departure from the iwolod in nontrom

April 1904 Capitili Liddle Stined the firm of Messhi: U! Nickel! & Co. of this port, as maribe superintendent but at the end of the same year he had an attack of pleurisy as the result of exposure in the harbour during a savelergale and he was unable to recover his strengthing in the Spring of last year, as ftill was apparent itiat he had fallen a victimate consumption, he went to Colorado sennacional advice, but returned to Vokohama last November in a very critical state of boalth/ In ecember be consequently lbft Kpbe for Egypt in the hope that the climate might afford him rolies. Captain Liddle was married in July, 1934, to Violet Alice, old est daughter-ofeMr. and Mrs. H. J. Neville, and leaves whitele daughter. It is understood that Mrs. Liddle, with whom great sympathy will be telt, will return to Yokohama as soon an possible.

THE COPPER MINE RIOTS.

serious development. TROOPS CALLED OUT.

According to the latest news the Ashie copper mine riot has developed into a very serious disturbance and of such a nature as to require the services of the troops to restore order. It appears that the strikers who remained quiet on Tuesday night, resumed their disorderly tactics on Wednesday morning. when the workers in the otoyama and Ariki pits were relieved. About 800 men who were to relieve the shift raided the Motoyama pit office, smashed the windows, carried out chairs and other furniture, and then set fire to them. The office staff, according to a vernacular paper, "all fled." The strikers then attacked the warehouses and specimen rooms, with a continual shower of stones. They also carried away all the provisions from the store-house, and ate their, fill when they

falt inclined. The strikers then formed into two bodies. one party proceeding to attack the store department office, where they wrought complete destruction, while the other party attacked the residence of Mr. Minami, head of the mine. practically destroying the house, and burning all the furniture. The strikers seized Mr. Minami, and severely assaulted him. A policesergeant who came to his assistance was also assaulted, being badly cut about the head.

The strikers then made their way to the ore. selection house, and having sprinkled kerosene around the building, set it on fire. Police officials came upon the scene, and succeeded in extinguishing the fire before much damage was done. The strikers were again peaceful at 11.30 a.m. on Wednesday, when this dispatch was sent out, but the bridge on the road to the Motoyama pit was closed by the police to prevent more men going to the scene of the

disturbance. Still later information states that the strikers. who attacked the house of Mr. Mina ni and the ore selection houses, crossed the bridge mear, the Motoyama pit above referred to at about half past two on Wednesday afternoon. and made their way to the Shimonoseki mining office, which was completely destroyed by 6 p.m. The ribters looted the store room and freely partook of a quantity of sake which was kept there. Under the influence of the drink. they set fire to the store-room, which was still. burning at the time this later disputch was forwarded. The medical officer at Motoyama was attending to the injured men, a Red Cross flag being hoisted as a precaution against attack.

Minami Sukematsu and five other leaders of the Shiseikai have been arrested on a charge of causing disorderly crowds to assemble. I he news of the arrest of their leaders has, however. inflamed the strikers more than ever, and they were preparing to attack the police-station by night. The dispatch states that the police officials were prepared to retreat in the event of attack. A party of several hundred strikers were preparing to attack the police reinforce. ments, who were expected from Nikko, at the Hoso-o mountain pass.

A report has reached Ashio stating that a company of troops had been dispatched from the Takasaki egiment for the suppression of the disturbance, and that a force of police drawn from all the police-stations in Tochigi Presecture had been ordered to proceed to the mine.-Japan Chronicle.

#### CHINESE REPRESENTATION ABROAD.

The Chinese Government has established new laws for the Chinese legations abroad. The legations to London, Paris, Berlin, St. called Legations of the First Class, In each of these six legations, there shall be one Mipister of the first order, one counsellor of the third rank, two interpreters and two secretaries from the fifth and sixth ranks respectively.

The Chinese legations at Vienna, Rome, Bruselles and the Hague belong to the Second Class. For each of these four legations will be appointed a Minister of the second degree, from the fifth and sixth ranks respectively.

and Cuba have no Chinese legations, and diplomatic affairs with these countries are confided to the Chinese Ministers either to Lonan interpreter of the fifth and a secretary of the | pected that more than a very insignificant busisixth degrees shall be appointed in each of ness will be brought under notice.

these countries, in place of a full legation, out to Singapore, Pretoria, Can Francisco and, the off-take will be of so large an extent as to Seoul to act as Consuls-General for China in absorb practically half of the present holdings these places. I'ach of these four Consule- tiut whether the prognosticated activity wil General shall be assisted by an interpreter of also bring in its train a revival of prices, it

lulu, Batavia, Yokobama, Kobe and Nagasaki, bitter experiences, ventures to predict. At an Consuls of the fifth degree shall be appointed. The Chinese Vice Consulate at Penang shall be directed by a Vice Consul of the fifth dogree, with an interpreter and accretary of the seventh grades; The monthly salaries of the Ministers and Consuls are as follows :--

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A New York despatch of Itth ult says :- Just after be redelved asknockout blow in a boxing bout home last night, Charles Sinclair, was are mested by the police at the linetance of the Federal authorities on a charge of being a de serier from Company, M. Thirtieth; mentry, United States army. The regiment is pow stationed at Ft. Cook, Neb. but was in the

serted in 1992 - maift freite of green The police learned that the alleged descriet was, billed for a go; with Tom Garry, a local heavyweight, and detectives appeared at the graps during the second round . While the officers were deliberating as to which, of the pugilists was the man wanted, Garry gave Sin clair, an uppercut that put him, out, When Sinclair opened his eyes he was under arrest,

#### CUMMERCIAL WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Reviewing the share business for the week Mossrs. E. S. Kadoorie & Co. write on the 15th inst.;-There has been very little business during the week, owing to the intervention the China New Year holidays, and with the exception of Banks, Unions, and Hongkong Fires there have not been any important changes to record.

Hanks,-Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have dropped to \$900 at which rate sales have taken place, the market closing with buyers The London quotation is £108.

Marine Insurances.-Unions have advanced. to \$820 and are in demand. Cantons are offering at \$295.

ened, and have been sold at \$100. Hongkong Fires have buyers at the advanced rate of \$380. · Shipping .- Hongkong, Canton and Macao teamboats are quoted at \$30, ex the final dividend of \$1 per share paid on the 12th inst. Shell Transports have further improved, and can be placed at 37/6. Indos continue neglected at quotation. The other shipping stocks

are unchanged. Refineries .- China Sugars have not fluctunied and are obtainable at \$120. Mining .- There are no changes in stocks

under this heading. Docks. Wharves and Godowns -- Kowloon Wharfs are stendy at \$95. Hongkong and Whampon Docks can be had at \$140. Shanghai Docks have buyers at Tls. 107 and Hongkew Wharfs at Tls. 235 for the old, and \$225 for the rew shares.

Lands, Hotels and Bui'dings,-Hongkong Hotel have strengthened to \$123 at which rate shares have changed hands. Hongkong Lands me wenker at \$107. Humphreys Estates have been sold and are wanted at \$11,20 ex the dividend of 8n cents per share paid on the 9th

Cotton Mills.-Ewos are in request at Tis. 75. Conghong Cottons can be placed at \$114. Internationals have improved to Tis. 64. I nou Kung Mows are weaker and are offering at Tis, 1321. A statement of the Company's accounts for the twelve months ending 31st December 1906, is issued to shareholders. In accordance with the resolution passed at the general meeting, the sum of Tls. 75,880,37 has been written off to depreciation account. Including the sum of Tle. 30,760.42 brought forward from last account the net profits for the year amount to Tls. 146,555.70 which the directors recommend be apportioned in the following manner To pay a dividend of Tls. 8 per share, which will absorb Tis, 57,264. To allow for depreciation of mill buildings, reservoir and land improvements, machinery, north property Chinese houses, and furniture, the sum of Tis. 51,385.48. To allow to per cent, commission for general managers, Tls. 6,441.48 and to carry forward the balance of Tla. 31,46 1.71 to next year's account. Soey Chees have buyers at Tls. 360. In their report ending December 31st, 1906, issued to shareholders, the general manager states that the net profits for that period, including Tis. 35,986 63 brought forward on 1st January, 1905, amount to Tis. 232,021.42 which it is proposed by the directors to be dealt with as follows: To pay a dividend of Tis. 50 per share, absorbing, 7 is, 100, 00. To write off for depreciation of machinery. furniture, and buildings, the total sum of Tis 47.653.20. To place Tis. 9,801.74 to legal re erve fund. To reduce the book value of Mil Stores a/c by Tis. 3,025. o grant to per

amounting to Tls. 20.878 and to carry forward the balance of Tis. 52,633.40 to 1907 account. Miscellaneous - Ices have changed hands at \$250 and are in demand. , Sales of Creen Island Cements have been effected at \$214. Hongkong Electrics have been parted with a Sigl. angkats are strong at Tls. 2624; The report of the directors of this Company for the year ending 31st October, 1906, has been issued to shareholders. The profit and loss account after providing for the four interim dividends. equal to Tis 30 per share, paid to shareholders. and the sum of Tls, 300,000 written off various

cent of the net profits to the manager, and one

month's salary to the Mill staff, as a bonus,

#### YAKN MARKET.

accounts, leaves a balance of Tis. 17,127.50.

In their report dated 8th inst., Messes, Phirozsha 'P. Petit & Co. write:-Our last cir-

cular was dated the 25th January. During the first part of the fortnight under review our yarn market ruled much the same Petersburg, Washington and Tokyo are to be as at date of last report. Most of the business recorded in to-day's circular transpired during the first week of the fortnight. Many of the transactions that have taken place are conditional upon clearances being made after the China New Year ; this practice is according to precedents established under the old torm of

contracts. The absence of Chinese dealers from the local market within the past week is due to the one interpreter of the fifth, and two secretaries | fact that natives have a fet days since already retired into the country in anticipation of the At present Spain, Portugal, Peru, Mexico | New Year festivities. The absence has brough about an almost absolute cessation of business The New Year falls on the 13th inst.; but i reality the holidays have already begun which don or Washington. This, the Chinese Gov. it is expected, will last some ten days or so ernment has found inconvenient, and in future | During the interval between now and the cona counsellor of the fourth degree, assisted by clusion of the festive season it cannot be ex-

The optimistic forecast is very generally in Mandarins of the fourth degree will be sent dulged in that, upon resumption of business the sixth and a secretary of the seventh de- difficult to tell, since the question of silver ex change operates as a positively uncertain ele For the cities of New York, Manile, Hono- | ment and as to whose course no one, from pas rate the hope is entertained that some improve ment will set in in the near future not alone i the interests of importers but to the benefit Chinese dealers to whom in general and to ou esteemed constituents in particular we take this | M. Riggs, one of the sons-in-law of the late opportunity of wish ng-

"A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR." No. 201.-A very mo erate business is reported at a concession of \$1 to \$1 per bale. if puted to have made after his return to China No. 161, On'y one thread changed hands, thirteen years ago, got back by the Copile. It No. 174. - Not in much favour ; business dons is understood that his mission was fruitless, is in selected threads only.

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Chinese Comperation Lily fast by assid Prilipsof | Stocks-About 1/8,000 bales. Exchange :-- We quote, to-day, as under !--India .. T. Tilas at Rs. 165 per cent. nothing and the month of Sh. 2.211/16d.==\$. "London TE

... 1. 2.2 d.=5. Demand ... Shanghai.... Tis. 73 - \$100. 31 9.16d. per oz Silver ......

Writing under same date, Mesers, Cawasice. Pallanjee and Co. teport:-Our las report was dated the atth ultmo per s.s. Arcadia, since when the yarn market has been fairly active. In consequence of the near approach of the China New Year country buyers are now returning to the interior and there being but few doalers left in the market business is at a complete standstill. Supplies have been at present on a very limited scale but owing to the impatience of holders to realize a decline of \$1 per bale in prices has taken. place. We close quiet but steady. Nos. and 8r .- Trifling business at quotations, No. 101.-Well known desirable spinnings have been largely dealt in at previous rates, 'No. 121.- A small business in special chops at or

about late rates. No. 16s - In very small request No, 10s.-Sales have been confined to superior desirable spinnings at former rates. Sales during the past fortnight comprise of SHORTLY before two o'clock this morning (12th about 30 bales of No. 6s.; 5 bales of o. 8s.; inst.) the policeman on duty in Gage Street heard Fire Insurances.—China Fires have strength- 2.155 bales of No. 125.; 670 bales of No. 125.; a noise while passing house No. 44. He started too bales of No. 16s.; and 1,375 bales of No. to investigate and with his bull's-eye lantern 205.; in all about 4,334 bales. Arrivals per steamers Namiang, Delhi and Capri of about | the street door. They were asked to give an 3,000 bales. Shipment to Shanghai and Northern Ports of about 15,000 bales. The unsold stock is estimated at about 110,000

> l ocal Yarn :- No business is reported. Japanese Yarn :- Importations have ceased and only a small lot of 70 bales 1 o. 20s. has changed hands at \$134. Exchange :- We quote to-day on India at Rs. 1651%. London at 2/2 11/16.

#### FREIGHT MARKET.

Mesers. Lamke and Rogge report under date oth inst.:- The formight under review has again been a lively one and a large amount of chartering has been accomplished chiefly owing to the demand from Baigon for this port and Canton having been sustained. It has also extended to neighbouring coast ports, whilst for Northern China ports and apan inquiries | per share. . have fallen off.

Concerning business for the North, some apanese boats are reported closed Saigon to part S.C. Japan at about 27 cents, the only fixture locally that we have heard of in that direction is of a steamer 4,0:0 tons end of March early April, at 29 cents. Saigon to Ningpo and and Shanghai, March, a steamer is reported done at 28 cents, and it is believed that further similar business has been done and has not been reported. Saigon to Tientsin, two further charters reported for March loading at 35 cents, this on basis of lighterage to be paid by charterers and the latter to guarantee despatch.

Saigon to this port, a very large business lone,-some 20 steamers, aggregating some 15,600 tons cargo,-principally on basis of 15 cents per picul, 2 cents extra if to Canton, & lower rate for very prompt and for larger size boats. The market closes somewhat quieter. Saigon to Swatow: An inquiry resulted in

everal fixtures at rates that have varied very much. We have heard of business at 18 cents. 2 cents, and 22 cents, and it is believed that subsequently a charter has resulted at 19 cents. Saigon to Amoy: "A charter reported at 25 Sa gon to Foochow: A fixture on private

Saigon to Philippines: - Usual inquiries from these quarters have been conspicuous by their absence. No fixture reported during the fortnight. It is stated that the price of rice in Saigon at present is prohibitive to business.

+ angoon :- Inquiries after tennage for Japan continue to reach this market, 14 to 15 shillings per ton lately named, yet no business appears to have transpired locally. Rangoon to Amoy, second half Feb., there has been a fixture of a boat of about 1,800 tons at 40 cents Mexican. Bangkok:-A' charter is reported Bangkok

prompt, 25/18 cents. sult shortly. Whilst we write, German s.s. and tell Mr. Morgan to get a shave with it." Germania, about 3,000 tons d. w., has been

fixed for the former requirement. the North:-Business up North continues very slack. River freights, there are none. Coal freights from Japan to this declining, quoted at about \$1.10 to. \$1.00 per ton, latest local business at \$1.00 Moji or Wakamatzu to Canton charters at \$1.80/\$1.70.

Moji to Swatow :- A charter at \$1.40. On monthly terms there are some inquiries. actual business there does not appear to have

heen any yet. The number of Norwegian vessels employed out East has been further reduced by the s.s. Tholms having accepted a freight from Rangoon to Gothenburg, prompt. Sail tonnage loading or to load :- For Baltimore and/or New York:-Amer. ship E: B.

Sail-tonna e Disengaged :- None. Departures of Sailers :- None,

31st December.

#### TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

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Chan Along, who went to China in the interest of some of the hoirs, to learn what chance there was to get some of the millions Afong is rethough he will ery little about it,

Eggiowite of 7th lost states that the T.R K.S. Amarin Mary prived at San Francisco from Yokohama in a crippled condition, having encountered a terrific gale in the Pacific.

THE Chinese Engineering and Mining Co. idial output of the Company's three mines for the week ending 26th Jan., 1907, amounted to 21.804.20 tons and the sales during the period to 19,560,74 tons.

IT is announced in the Gassite that the Imperial Service Order shall, by His Majesty the King's direction, rank immediately after .. the Distinguished Service Order, and before th Fifth Class of the Royal Victorian Order.

l'And Sang, a coolie, employed in an Indian grocer's shop at No. 37; Elgin Road, Kowloon was found guilty at the Police Court, on the 12th inst, of stealing one pound of butter, the proparty of his employer. J. A. Shroff. The coolie had concealed the butter in his pocket and was about to leave the shop when the theft was discovered. Mr. Melbourne septenced him to fourtecen days' hard labour.

In reference to the fire which occurred in rattan furniture godown in Bullock Lane, Wanchai, on the morning of 11th inst., it is stated that there are no suspicious circumstances surrounding the outbreak. The fire was caused by sparks descending through the chimney | ties and steps taken to deal with it. white the occupants of the first floor were preparing their morning meal, and setting alight a bundle of ration goods which, were stored directly under the chimney.

saw two men huddled together hiding behind account of themselves, but as they failed they were removed to the Central Police Station and charged with being rogues and vagabonds. They were arraigned before Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne, this morning, at the Police Court, and sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour

AT the annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Shanghai Gas Company, I.d., to be held on the 28th instant; the directors will recommend the following appropriation for final dividend and bonus for the year 19061-Final dividend on 16,000 old shares at seven per cent (making fourteen per cent for the year) £3.50 per share; Dividend on 7.954 new shares (two months at (?) per cent annum) Tis 1.15 per share : Bonus for one year on 15,000 old shares at Tis. 1.50 per share : Bonus for two mobths on 7,954 new shares at Tls. 0.25

NOTWITHSTANDING the number of previous convictions that have been recorded recently against the Peak night soil coolies for dumping the contents of their buckets on the hillside and in drains, there does not appear to be any abatement of the ruisance and unless some stringent step, other tuan a fine, is, taken against the contractor one cannot see how the matter can be stopped, Nai Shun, one of these coolies, of No. 9. Upper Lascar Row, admitted before Mr. F. H. Hazeland, at the Police Court, this morning, that at five o'clock this, morning he lightened his buckets in a drain near No. 122, Plantation Road. He was fined \$15.

IT is stated that the proposal to establish a race-course near Kobe, which is being put forward by a Syndicate with which several foreigners, are said to be connected, is making satisfactory progress. It has been decided that the capital shall be Y.500,000, in shares of Y.100 each, and a site covering an area of 180,000 tsubo has been selected at Naruo village, Muko district. It is intended that races shall be held twice yearly, in April and October. According to the present plans, stands to accommodate about 2,400 people are to be erected. There will also be a special stand for members of the Imperial family.

LAST month Messenger No. 1634 of the Postal Telegraph Company, New York, the World says, found an envelope containing \$7,000 in gold notes and \$60,000 in cheques and drafts lying on the sidewalk at the corner of Broad and Wall streets, where J. Pierpont Morgan's office is located. It belonged to Morgan and the boy took it into the office. On Jan. 11 he received this note: " Dear Sir-In reward for to this to natives of a handy-sized steameral your honesty, I take great pleasure in handing you \$2, with the compliments of the firm. Java:-Tonnage could be placed both for | Cashier, J. P. Morgan & Co.". The boy returnthis port and Japan, and some fixtures may re:. ed the \$2 with a note, saying: "Take this back

"WANTONLY and cruelly illytreating a pig," was the charge against Hu -Luk-e cattle Station, who made the arrest, spoke as to seeing the accused carrying a sucking pig by the ears yesterday afternoon. Accused was going in the direction of the slaughter house, and the squealing of the pig could be heard a long. way off. Accused made no attempt to deny the charge. The pig had to be taken to the slaughter house. It was young and frisky! Try how he would he could not get hold of its legs; the easiest way then was by its cars and he did so, he said. A fine of 52 was imposed.

Company was awarded the bid, and the in- The damage is covered by insurance. spectors have been detailed to Stockton for of this flour is said to be far superior to any that the Chinese have ever used or seen, and there is some doubt as to their being able fully to appreciate it from that point of view.

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THE CONSTRUCTION of the first-class Aimoured | ATA meeting of seatholders and subscribers pecied that the cruiser will be launched about the middle of April next

AT meeting of the directors of the Shanghai Sumstra Tobacco Co. Ld. held on the oth instant it was decided to recommend to the sharebolders at the approaching annual meet. ing that a final dividend of thirty per cent. making fifty per cent for the year, should be declared, and that I la. 25,000 should be placed to a special works fund.

THE new brass musical instruments especially ordered from France for the Portuguese Co. are now distributed. The members are practising hard in order to be able to participate in the coming annual inspection parade. The band will be under the direction of Mr. P. da Silva, who has been appointed bandmaster --I. C. D. News.

THE beggar element, it is noticeable, has been more in evidence in the Settlement of lat than is desirable, remarks the N. C. D. News. If its presence is to be connected with the acute distress prevailing in other, parts of the Province, it would be well that the possibility of a sudden influx of poverty-stricken Chinese in our midst were contemplated by the authori-

THE following officers of the Royal Marines have been ordered to embark in the Spartlate for passage to China: Capt. H. A. Jones, R.M.L.I. to King Alfred, for intelligence, duties at Singapore, Lieuts. C. R. Mullins, R.M.L.I., to Tamar, for ordinary duty and for duty as Musketry Instructor at Hongkong; C. P. Jer- In view of the number of gambling raids axram. R.M.L.I. to Tamar, R. G. Cheesman, R.M.L.I. to King Alfred, for Wireless Telegraphy duties on China Station.

THE Chinese Central Government has decided to appoint the Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents of the Ministry of War to be 'Inspectors-General of the Imperial forces of the Empire. The two Vice-Presidents will in turn each year make a tour of inspection and now that each day sees more railway lines in construction throughout the country a tour of inspection like the foregoing should not be a difficult nor expensive task.

THE arduous duties of the police during the past week have received recognition in the columns of the public Press. While they have been praised for the excellent manner order has been maintained and the traffic regulated. Inspector Collett and his men in charge of traffic arrangements at Ko Shing Theatre on the 6th inst. have carried out their duties in a manner thoroughly satisfactory to the public in general and to the members of the Chinese Reception Committee in particular.

IT is stated owing to the unexpectedly large number of ship owners applying to join the Nippon Kisen Kaisha (the Japan S.S. Company), it has been decided to increase the proposed capital from Y 20,000,000 to Y30,000,000, Ithas also been resolved to purchase five freight vessels to be used in addition to the vessels provided by the members of the Shipowners. Union. It is expected that the tonnage of the vessels offered to the Kaisha will shortly reach 200,000

A TOKIO despute of 5th inst. to the N. C. D. News states :- It is announced on reliable authority that the Washington Government is in consultation with the Japanese Government regarding the restriction of Japanese immigrants into Hawaii. The immigrants, it pointed out, make these islands a hulf-way house to facilitate their entry into America. is thought that the two Governments will agree upon mutual restrictions as the easiest solution

AT the Magistracy, this afternoon (11th inst.), Mi F. A. Hazeland presiding as Coroner and a jury, held an inquiry into the circumstances touching the death of one Chan Yuu, a prisoner in Victoria Gaol, which event took place on Saturday last. The deceased was arrested on Friday night together with other men on a charge of being a rogue and vagabond. He was sentenced to fifteen days' hard labour. His death followed a few hours later. Evidence was called, and verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

IT is reported that the Tuchipu or Ministry of Finance will, after the return of H.R. Chen from his tour of investigation of currency matters of the various provinces, adopt the following reforms regarding the silver and copper currency of the Empire :-(1) the coinage of amah, it appears, to a goldsmith's shop one-tael silver pieces of a uniform standard (2) the change of the Hupu (the former Minisdealer, at the Police Court, this morning iry of Revenue) characters on copper coins to Police Bergeant Aris, of Kennedy Town Police thiese of the Tuchipu (the Ministry of Finance) ( ( ) the acceptance of copper as well as silver coins in making payments of taxes; and (4) the establishment of more banks and the issuance of bank-notes throughout the country.

A FIRE, which did damage to \$300 worth rattan furniture, broke out in the kround floor of No. 7. Bullock Lane, Wanchah a twostorevd' building, shortly before o sim-on the 11th inst. The ground floor was used as a godown for storing ratten goods, the property of one Wong, Lam Po, of No. 16, Queen's THE 600,000 pounds of flour purchased by the Road Central. The alarm was given by a American National Red Cross Society for lukong, who was on duty in that locality, and China was shipped on the Coptic and consigned, the fire engil e from No. 2 Police tation was to the United States Consul General at Shang- | quickly on the scene; The fire-fighters, with hal. Major Charles R. Krauthoff was com- two lengths of hose, confined the fiames to the missioned by the Society to do the purchasing, ground floor after a hard tussle. The floor and he received bids from the various milling above, a private dwelling bouse, escaped incompanies about the Coast. The Sperry Flour | jury. The origin of the fire is not known

examination of the flour and oversee its | "THE Chinese New Year is at hand and I general condition for shipping. The quality have no fine clothes to wear-which is a chame and a disgrach" quoth Tong I to himself; "What to do?" Now Tong knew a thing or two, and one of the things he know was that during the Chinese New Year the theatres produce their best plays, and the performers THE following match was contested at Tai don their finest robes. "There then," said Tong, "there is where I must seek my New Year's coat." In accordance with this brilliant idea Tong went quietly into the actors' quarters at the Chung Hing Theatre at 6 o'clock this morning (12th inst.), and finding the tired rebearacre resting fast asleep, he proceeded to investigate the contents of the "wardrobe." In a box he discovered just the very thing he wanted-a fine long silk cost of brilliant hue. That was all ong wanted, so selving a lamp from the wall to light him on while way out, he made for the exit. And that is just where he. made his fatal mistake. The moving light in the theatre at that hour attricted the attention of lukong, and as Tong sneaked furtively out of the promises with the coat under his arm, the lukong pounced upon him and took him in charge, It matters not now what his New! Year's costume may be-velvat or rage-for Printed and Published by Joan Panao after completing a four hours' exposure in the BRAGA, for The Hongkong, Tolegraph Com pillory, he has to-day entered upon a three pany, Limited, at the Printing Office of the weeks residence in His Majesty's Hotel, by Company, No. 1, Ice House Road, in the City order of Mr. F. A. Hazeland, Chief Magistrate, of Victoria, Hongkong.

craiset, to be named Kuruma, now being built | St. John Calbedral, held on the sort but the at Yokosuka, is progressing apace. The deck following were elected lay members of the is now being placed in position, and it is ex- Church Body, for the year 1907 1- The Hos. Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Mr. W. Armstrong, Mr. A. Bryer (honorary secretary), Dr. Francia Clark (honorary treasurer) Mr. G. Hastings and Mr. E. Ormiston. Mr. J. C. Peter was elected auditor.

"CARELESS driving and causing bodily harm to a servant boy, Lo Tim, tesiding at No. 48, Staunton Street," was the charge against Chan Pan, ricksha coolie, No. 2087, at the Police Court, this morning (12th inst.). The accident took place in Queen's Road Central, at five o'clock. yesterday afternoon. Complainant was returning from the barrar and walking in the middle of Shanghai Volunteer Corps, have arrived and the road, when accused dashed across the road with his ricksha, expecting a fare. The complainant could not clear in time and the wheel of the ricksha passed over his right foot, severely bruising it. Mr. Melbonrae fined the defendant one dollar.

> RETURNS of the average amount of Bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended stat January, 1907, as certified by the managers of the respective Banks.

Average Specie in Banks. Amount. Reserve

Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China \$3,264,706 \$2,300,000 Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corpora-

Vational Bank of China, Limited, ......

Total, ..... \$17,784,531 12,360,000 ecuted by the police during the past week, the coolies in this city, who love a game of chance, are having a rather exciting time. No sooner have they opened a new gambling dive than the police informers are at work and a raid fol-

lows ere they have had a chance to get accustomed to the new premises. Word reached the police in the Central district on Saturday night (oth inst.) to the effect that a new kambling house had beed opened at No. 5, Cheung Hing Street. Inspector Ritchie got together a body of men right away and started out to investigate. The investigation resulted in the capture of fourteen men, and the seleure of a set of gambling paraphernalia. The men were lined up before Mr. F. A. Hareland, at the Police Court, this morning, and fined under the gambling laws.

TWENTY-nine gamblers were arrested in the Central and Western districts last evening (8th inst.). Eleven men hailed from "o. 100, Wellinge ton Street (Detective Sergeant Murison the proinoter of the raid), and the remaining eighteen from No. 30, First treet. In the latter raid, which was under charge of Sergeant Kendall, the main object was to locate a band of crooks. who, it was said, were, in the habit of victime ising people at West Point. The information received by the police was no doubt correct. for a number of knives commonly used by pickpockets were found and seized, but owner, ship could not be proved. The inmates of the house were, however, caught playing what appenied to be poker and every man jack was arrested. They were arraigned before Mr. W. A. Hazeland, this morning, charged with violar ting the gambling laws and were all fined,

"I HAVE no money at the Sallors Home." said G. H. Wilkinson, an unemployed seaman, after he had been fined 57 at the Police Court this morning (oth inst.). "I have some in the bank (showing a bank book) but I can't get it. from here. Take this instead he said producing a draft which he handed to the inspec-"That's a draft for your mother, isn't it?" asked the inspector. " Well." he continued, "we won't take it." Wilkinson. was charged with behaving in a disorderly manner whilst drunk in Arbuthnot Road last night. A further charge of asseult could have been added, but the complainant would not prefer the charge. The defendant was seen staggering along the road last night At the back of the inspector's quarters he was seen to assault a Parace gentleman for no reason whatever He was arrested, but the Parsee refused to lay charge against him. A constable accompanied accused to the Hongkong Bank later in the day where sufficient money was drawn to pay his fine.

"SNATCHERS" are still to the fore in the Western district, it would appear, and one of them got summary justice for carrying on his "profession "on the arthinst. A Chinese widow. residing at to. Cochrane Street, went with her in Outen's Road Central, to purchase a gold ear-pick. She finally selected one to suit her and paid \$ for it. The two women then left the shop, but had not gone more than ten wards away, when a Chinaman, who had evidently been watching the transaction through the shop window, rushed up behind her, and spatching the ear-pin, which, according to custom, who woman had stuck in the back of her hair. bolted. Fortunately, he was seen by an Indian constable and a lukong, who at once gave chase and soon secured their Quarry. He is another who will spand his New Year within the walls of Victoria Gaol, when he has completed his four hours' stock exposure, as when he was placed before Mr. F. A. Hazeland on the 12th he was found guilty, and condemned to six weeks' hard labour and four hours' stocks,

FRAUDULENT emigration is still being carried on in this Colony to a large extent. Although some very heavy penalties have been inflicted by the Court on the parties found guilty of committing a breach of the emigration, laws there appears to be no reduction in the number: of cases of this sort that have had to be settled at the Police Court lately. Boarding house keepers and runners are the greatest of fenders. They know, for it is mentioned on their papers, that before an emigrant is allowed to set foot out of this Colony be must be kept in the boarding house for a certain period (forty-sight hours) in order that he should be examined and passed as !! fit " by the emigration officers yet this law is broken time and again, sometimes twice by the same person. At the Police Court, this morning (oth inst, Yau Lam, a runner, in a boarding house at No 27, Connaught Road West, pleaded guilty to this offence " rescorted a hawker on board the steamer Minu Sting yesterday before allowing him to go through all the formalities order ed by the law. Sergeant Grant was up to time and took both men to the Central Police Station. A fine of \$50 was imposed by Mars. Melbourne. Another person-Trang Shully Chung. a boarding house keeper of No. 20 Wing Lok treet-who was alleged to have committed a similar offence, was discharged by the Court. He was defended by Mr. Otto Kong